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An Adaptation of Bessemer Plant to the Basic Process.

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The maintenance of refractory linings in Bessemer converters, in such a way as to promote regular and maximum production, has been the subject of more experimenting than any other feature of the Bessemer system, and it is still the least perfect and satisfactory feature, excepting, perhaps, the casting of steel. Linings are not only

and chemical action are most severe, is frequently the cause of delay, and the operation rapidly performed between heats is tedious and costly. The accumulations of slag on other parts of the lining must also be quarried out, else the converter will become too small for the charge.

These are the conditions of maintaining silica linings; but the difficulties are increased, probably about threefold, when the linings are made of lime, for the basic process. The basic process consists in removing phosphorus from the iron under treatment, by retaining the phosphorus oxidized

they may be readily changed; but basic linings, near the tuyeres, and also in other parts where abrasion is severe, wear rapidly, and must be frequently repaired by cooling the converter and inserting new bricks, or patching in some suitable manner. The converter is thus put out of use for at least 24 hours—a very serious delay to production. From a wide observation, the author feels safe in saying that a basic lining is rarely run above 60 charges without extensive repairs, and in some works repairs are made every time a bottom is set. With some irons there is also

half the time. This delay is really as important in Europe as it is here; the greater the output from a given plant the cheaper the product.*

In order, therefore, that the basic process may come into extensive use, basic linings must be so maintained that their output will nearly equal that of acid linings.

There are two reasonable conditions of improvement—the one is to prolong the endurance of basic materials, so that their repairs can be made with little delay, while the converter is in position for use. There seems to be little or no progress,

practicable way to replace a refractory lining (which cannot be handled by itself) is to replace the vessel which contains it. The worn portions of the lining may thus be repaired at leisure, in another part of the works, rather than in position for use, where repairs would retard output.

An obvious way to replace an entire converter lining is to replace the entire converter. This system is already under construction in Europe. The method is also obvious—lifting the converter bodily out of its pillow blocks, and conveying it to the repair shed by means of an overhead

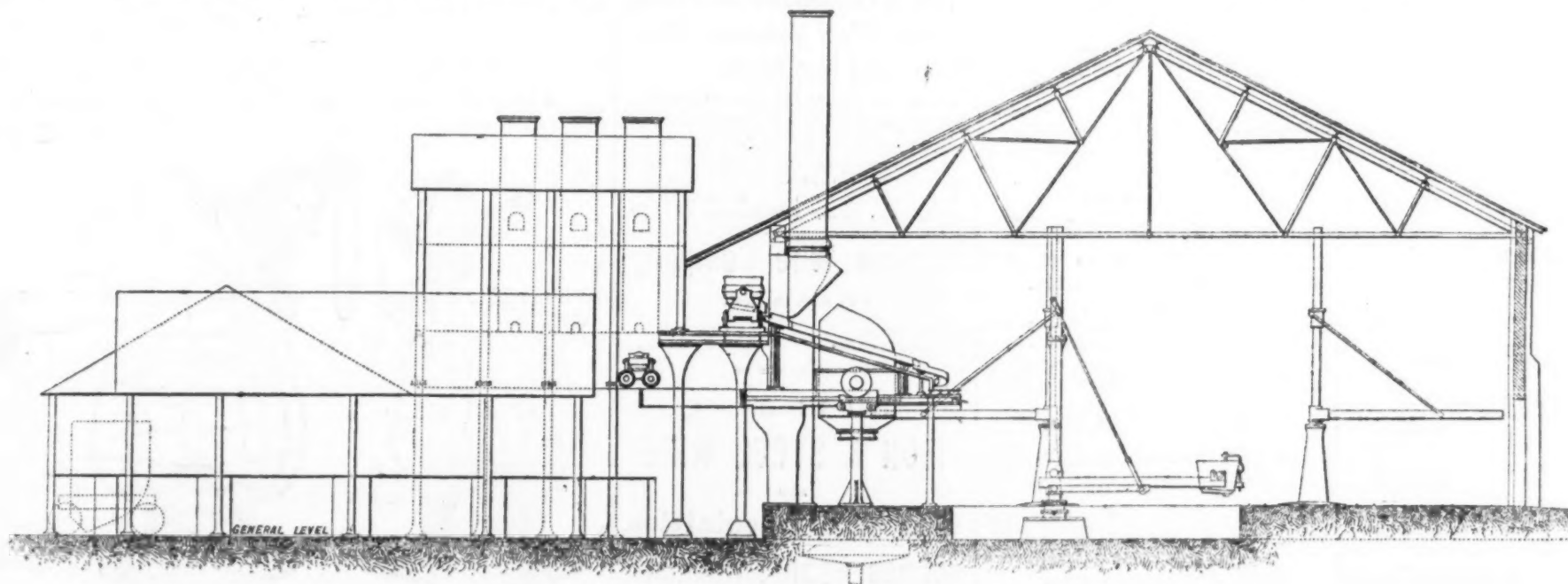


Fig. 1.—Elevation of a Bessemer Steel Plant for the Basic Process.

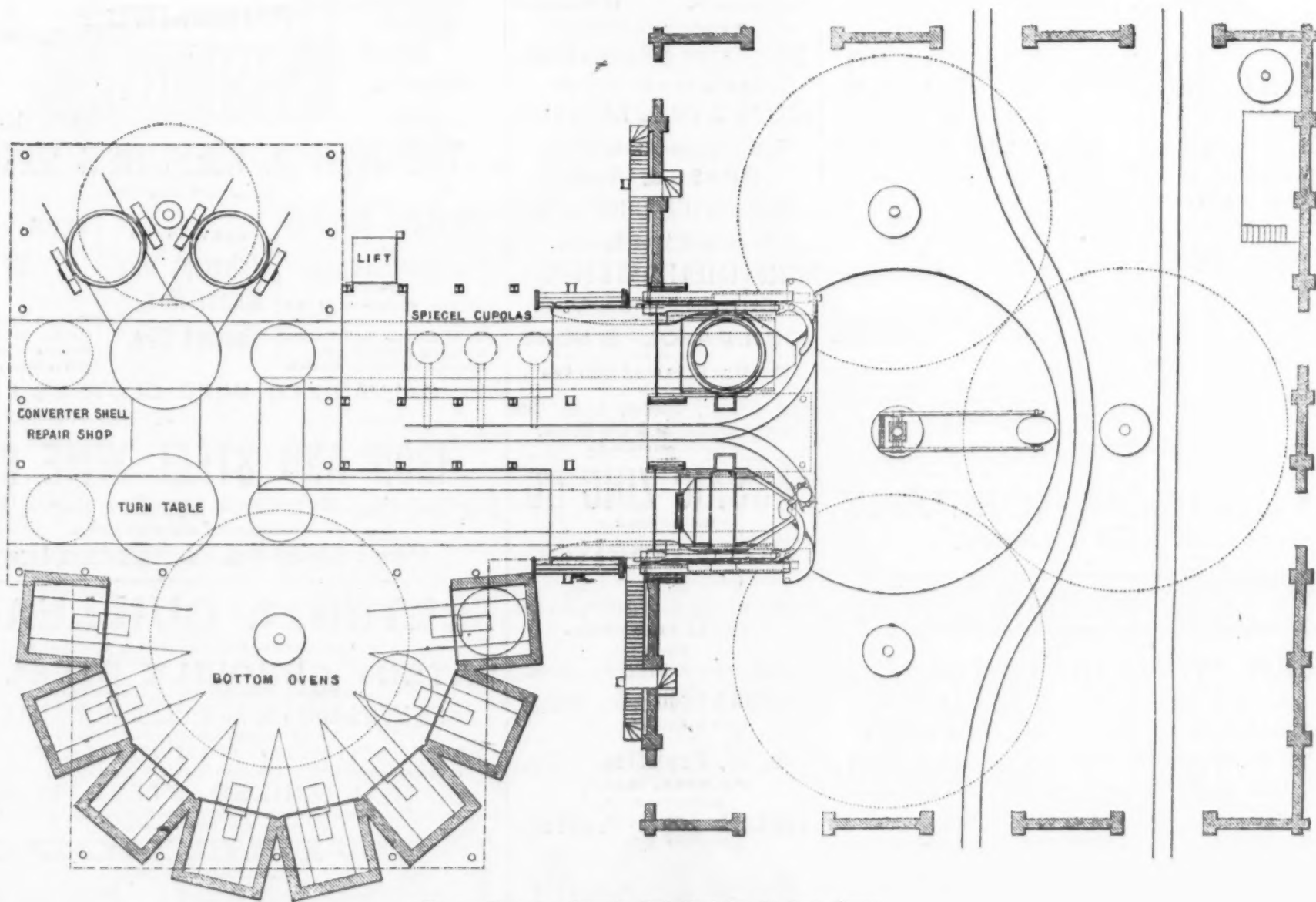


Fig. 2.—Plan of a Bessemer Steel Plant for the Basic Process.

HOLLEY'S PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BESSEMER STEEL MILL WORKED BY THE BASIC PROCESS.

eroded by the mechanical action of the charge, but they are chemically decomposed by its various slags. The silica linings usually employed have, indeed, been so improved that an average of say 60 charges per 24 hours can be got out of a pair of converters, and the shifting of interchangeable converter bottoms (containing the tuyeres) is so rapid that it does not delay production, but the repairing of the fixed lining just above the tuyeres, where both mechanical

by the blast, in a basic slag formed of say 20 per cent. of lime added to the charge. An acid (silica) lining would vitiate the basic slag, and would also be rapidly destroyed by it. Lime containing some magnesia, and produced by burning magnesia limestone (dolomite), is at present the only basic material successfully used for converter linings. It is usually made into bricks, which are hard burned and built up with mortar of similar material to form the lining. Basic bottoms and tuyeres stand 10 to 15 charges, nearly equaling acid bottoms, and

an accumulation of slag around the mouth of the converter; its removal sometimes also causes further delay.

The output of a pair of converters in Europe averages about half that of a pair of converters of the same size in the United States, and is often less than half. The limited endurance of basic linings in Europe is, therefore, a less conspicuous defect than it is here, where one converter must make 25 or 30 charges in 24 hours, so that the repairs of basic linings, as at present conducted, would keep an American plant idle

or probability of immediate progress, in this direction. The other is the rapid and complete removal of worn lining and the replacement of a repaired one. A third system, seriously proposed, is to double or treble the entire converting plant. The only

*The statement sometimes made in England that the rapid production in America impairs quality of product, is but a cover for inadequate plant. Steel is obviously no better because five hours instead of one are consumed in setting a vessel bottom, or because it may take twice as long in an English works to handle materials and products.

traveller; then setting a repaired converter in place by the same means. Such a plant is doubtless cheaper than a duplicate plant, and its output should be materially greater than that of fixed converters. But the operation of changing an entire converter must be slow and tedious. When the arrangement is such that pillow-block caps are required, these must be loosened by unscrewing heavy nuts; then they must be made fast to the crane chain, lifted, traversed and set down. The blast-pipe connection must be broken, and possibly some

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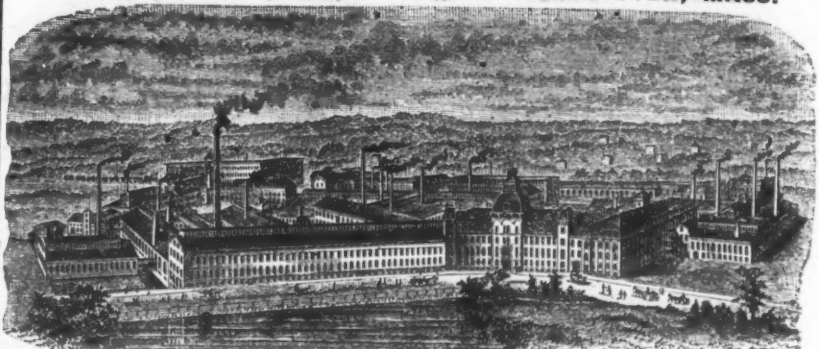
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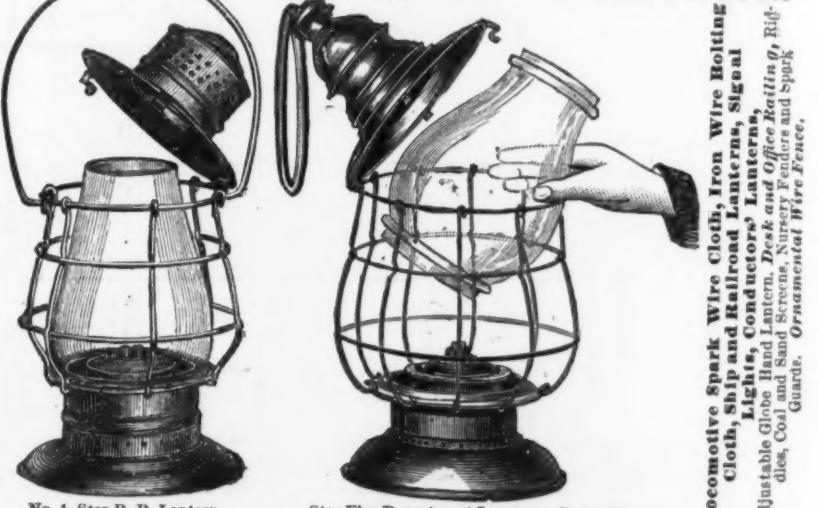
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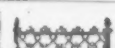
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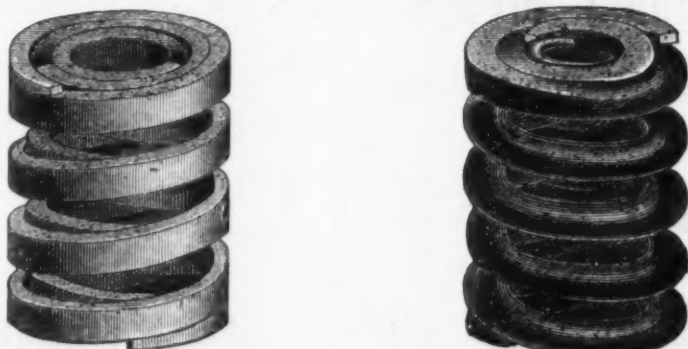
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platforms must be removed. Then the
traveler is placed exactly centrally over the
converter, ponderous chains are made fast,
the mass is raised high enough to clear sur-
rounding parts, and drawn laterally to the

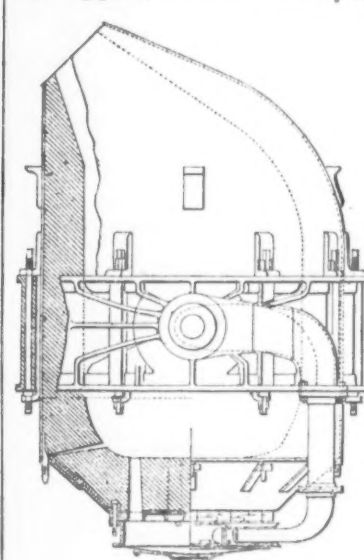


Fig. 3.—Section of Holley's Basic Converter.

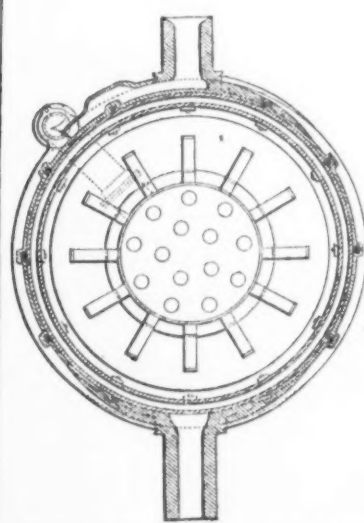


Fig. 4.—Horizontal Section of Holley's Basic Converter.

Changing converter shells is much more
rapid than changing bottoms. The several
operations of removal and transportation
are the same, but the converter lining must
be trimmed out to receive the new bottom,
and a refractory joint must be made. The
new shell has merely to be cotted on.

The comparative cheapness of apparatus
to change the shell, instead of the entire
converter, is obvious. The two hydraulic
lifts for removing the bottoms are made

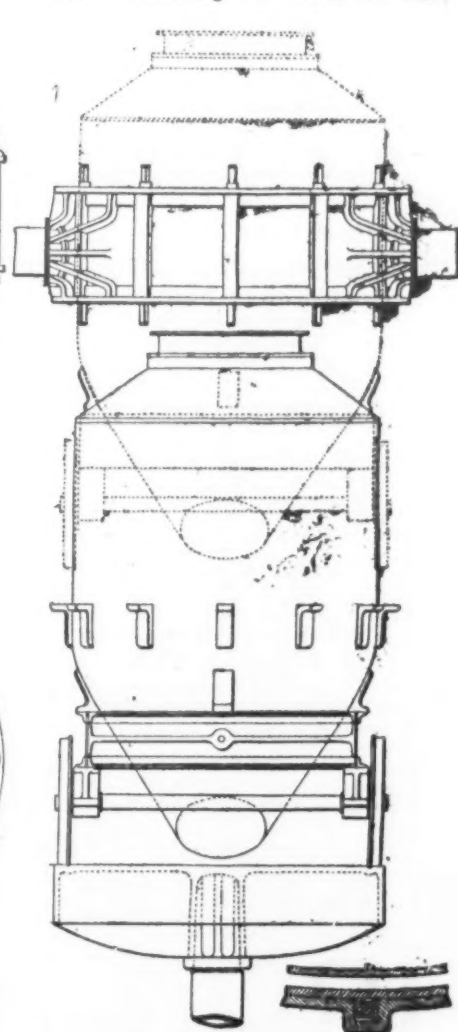


Fig. 5.—Position of the Converter Shell on the Car.

repair shed; then the converter is placed
centrally over its seats and lowered and
steadied (as it swings from a chain) into its
pillow blocks. The repaired converter is
raised, traversed and set in place by
repeating all these operations; the
blast connection is then made, and
the pillow-block caps are lifted, tra-
versed, steadied into place and
screwed down. If the converter is
removed in sections, transferring
each section and making the re-
fractory joints will occupy much
more time. The chimneys and the
openings in the side of the building
must be high enough to make passage
not only for the traveler, but for the
converter when lifted out of its seat,
and for the chains that sustain it.
A traveler of the required power,
height and length is obviously a pon-
derous and costly structure, and to
work reasonable speed it must have
independent steam power—the hy-
draulic system of the works cannot
well reach it.

The method of replacing the lining
proposed by the author, and shown
in the engravings, is removing only
the shell of the converter; lowering
it out of the trunnion ring easily
and rapidly, by means of a simple
lift and car, and replacing a re-
paired shell by the same means.
No pillow block caps, blast connec-
tions, nor other surrounding parts
are touched; a dozen cotters are
knocked out, the shell is lowered
and run straight back to the repair
shed, the new shell is run in, lifted
and cotted on; this is all. The
machinery and transference are on
the general level, and not 40 feet or
more up in the air. The car may
be moved by a small reversing en-
gine or by a hydraulic capstan, by
means of a wire rope and sheaves
suitably arranged. The car runs
against a stop, and the lift is per-
fectly vertical, so that the shell may
be put in place by two rapid motions
without the delay of adjustment.

The lining may be heated before
the shell is put in place, and bottoms
(and tuyeres) may be separately re-
moved, as at present, or they may
be taken away with the shell and
repaired without removal from it.
In the latter case, the shell must
be placed in trunnions, in the repair
shed, so that the bottom may be
turned downward for repairs. But
if the bottom is first removed, the
shell need not be placed in trunnions
in the repair shed; the shell will
stand mouth downward on the car,
a position most favorable for repair-
ing both the mouth and the lining
about the tuyeres, which are the
two places chiefly needing repairs.
This is doubtless the better plan,
and it saves the cost of supplement-
ary trunnion rings and turning gear.
The engravings show the converter
hung so high above the general level
that the bottom and tuyere box can
be hauled out, with the shell, under
the trunnion ring. In case the bot-
tom is previously removed, the con-
verter may be hung some 3 feet lower.

It has been remarked that in American
works converter bottoms are changed so
rapidly that one is always ready, even
when tuyeres stand but 2 or 10 operations.

heavier, and there are several ears of simple
construction; this is the entire apparatus.
The increased cost of the converters is not
important. In the other case, the traveler
with its engine, and the standards and tur-

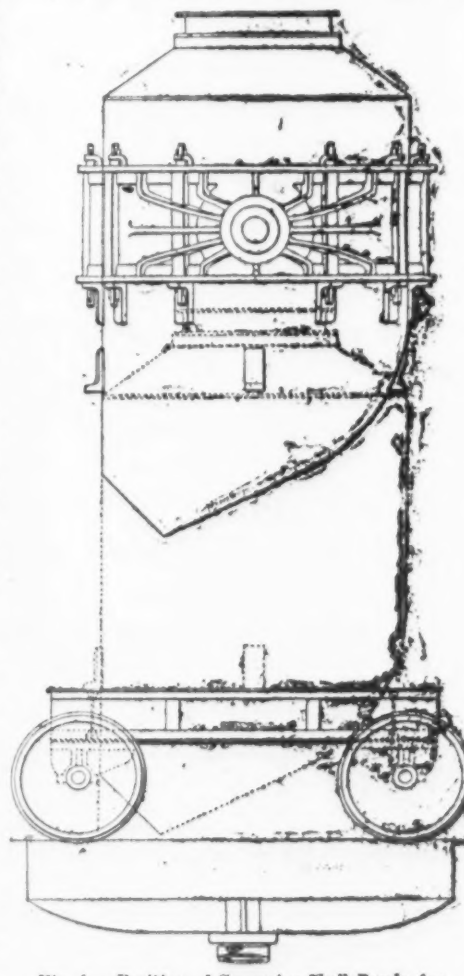


Fig. 6.—Position of Converter Shell Ready for Removal.

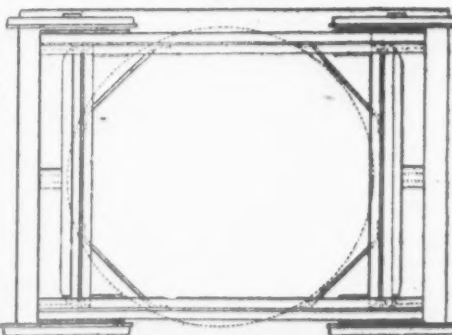


Fig. 7.—Plan of Car.

ing gear in the repair shed, and the trunnion
rings and pinions (the chief cost of the con-
verters) for each spare shell, approach in
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far as the author is aware, to the plan proposed, and that is the possibility of damage to the lift under the converter, in case the charge should burn through and fall upon it. To avoid such damage, the lift table may be sunk several inches below the pit level and covered with sand. It may be remarked, that lifts under converters are used in nearly all the American works with satisfactory results.

The engravings illustrate the construction and arrangement so fully that little explanation is required. The trunnion ring (Figs. 3 to 6, page 3) is of cast iron, with an inch wrought-iron lining; or it may better be a steel casting, which will not require a lining. There is a 2-inch annular space between the trunnion ring and the converter shell, and the shell is prevented from shifting laterally by means of the wedges shown in Fig. 3. The car is raised by the lift to receive the shell; or the shell may be lowered by means of a fork on the lift passing through the car.

This construction of converters has led the way to a general improvement in the design of the plant. The shells and bottoms may be run out laterally into the converting house, but the space here is insufficient for convenient repairs, and the shells for quo converter could not be well got to the other. In order that there may be one common place for repairs, and ample room both for spare shells and spare bottoms, they must be run out in rear of the converters, as shown in Fig. 2 (page 1). If blast furnace metal is brought directly to the converters, this rear space is not otherwise wanted; but if cupolas are placed there, as is usually the case, they must be so arranged that the shells can pass out under them.

But the cupolas (excepting the spiegel cupolas) may best be placed elsewhere; if there are blast furnaces the cupolas may be so arranged near them as to utilize the same system of transportation, hoisting, blowing and hot blast. There should be plenty of spare gas from good furnaces to heat cupola blast. These are very important considerations, regarding both cost of plant and economy of working. And, judging from the experience at many works, the disadvantages of hauling fluid iron some thousands of feet in a railway ladle are less than those due to crowding the melting department and its stock yard and appurtenances, close behind the converters. Fluid iron is hauled from 1 to 2 miles* without chilling; it need usually be hauled but a few hundred feet, and the cost of transporting plant and service should be about the same for the two systems. There are two important advantages in the arrangement shown by the engravings.

1. Placing only the spiegel cupolas, instead of the entire melting department, close behind the converting house, leaves its rear comparatively open to free ventilation, thus cooling not only the space around the converters, but also the casting pit.

2. This arrangement provides ample room for the convenient removal of slag, which in the basic process is very voluminous; one long dumping car placed under both the converter and the ladle catches it all, and as the bottom of the pit is on the general level, the slag is neither handled nor lifted—the car is simply hauled out by the yard locomotive and dumped. Experts well know the cost and inconvenience of breaking up and quenching slag in the pit, and of lifting it out of the pit, and then loading and removing it.

Iron may be got to the converters in a ladle by various means. It may be hauled on the general level to one or more hoists, and run into short spouts or directly into the converter mouths, or it may be drawn up a gradual incline or lifted by a hoist to an elevated railway near the converters, and thence tipped or tapped into them directly or through spouts. The short elevated railway, as shown in Fig. 1 (page 1), has one conspicuous advantage—it is out of the way of all other apparatus and operations; it does not cross railways, nor interfere with any transportation on the general level. This is an important feature when a change is made every 20 to 30 minutes. The ladle is drawn by a locomotive to short, steep spouts leading to the converters; there is no lateral nor hand movement, and hence no delay. A spout leads to each converter, chiefly for the purpose of leaving the space between the converters (where the common spout is usually placed) quite free for the spiegel ladle.

The spiegel cupolas and their appurtenances occupy so little room that they are placed, without interference with other apparatus, very near and above the converters. A railway ladle receives the spiegel from either cupola and tips it directly into the converter, quickly and hence completely, by a short run and without hoisting or lateral movement. It may be weighed in transit, if desired. The wide platform between the converters is at other times free for bringing lime, scrap or other materials to the converter mouths, and these materials are conveniently raised by the cupola hoist.

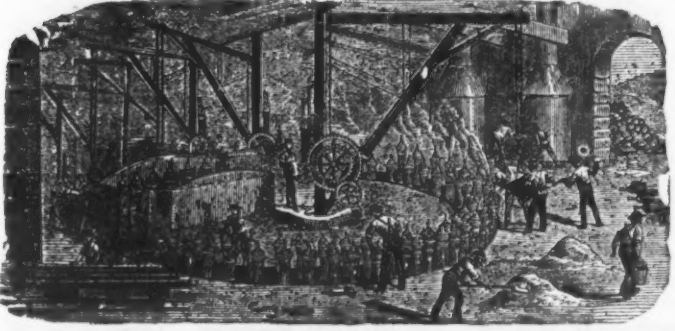
The floor of the converting house is raised a few feet, so that the pit bottom may be on the general level, for the convenient removal of slag, as before explained. The ground outside of the converting house slopes gradually to the general level. This facilitates the removal of products, and also the drainage.

The plant for repairing shells consists of two turn-tables, some short railways and a shed; also some platforms and a lift for materials. If bottoms are to be removed with the shells, there must also be mounted trunnion rings and turning gear; also a crane, in the shed; but, as before explained, this seems unnecessary. Room is shown for repairing four shells at a time, but the railways may be lengthened to accommodate more. The plant for repairing bottoms consists of short railways and turn-tables, a space of ramming bottoms under a shed and the necessary ovens for drying them; also a crane, which sets the bottoms directly on the oven cars. If ordinary tuyeres are used, fewer ovens are required; if the bottom is all one tyeve, rammed around, it must be turned for two or three days, so that more and better ovens are necessary. The repairing department may obviously be arranged in other ways to suit special cases.

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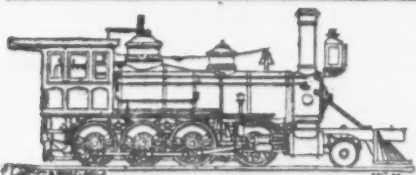
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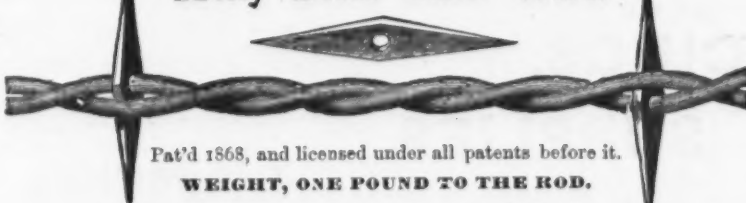
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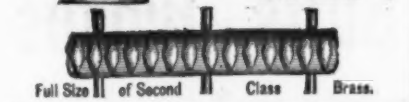
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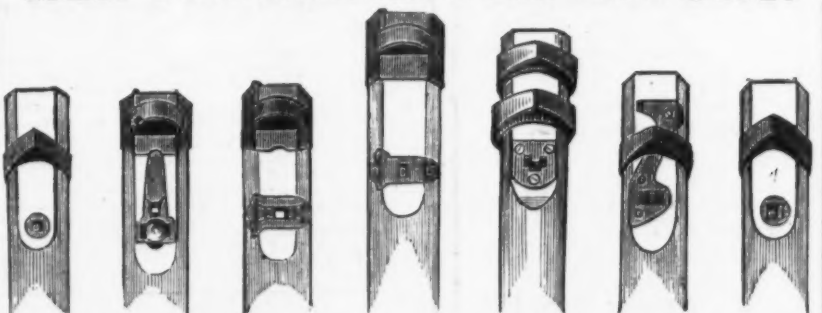
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8. The spiegel cupolas are placed near and above the converters, so that the metal may be run in quickly and completely, without vertical or lateral movement, by means of a ladle car.

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The English newspapers contain descriptions of

AN INCLINE RAILWAY

recently opened in Switzerland on the flanks of the Giessbach. In many respects the new line is novel, and some details are of considerable interest. As on Mount Vesuvius, the carriages are hauled by means of a rope running over a pulley and connecting the ascending and descending vehicles, both running on the same trunk line. The funicular system is, however, supplemented by a rack line like that on the Righi, but in another respect it differs from that line in that no mechanical power is employed in working it. The motive power is furnished by water filled at the summit into a receiver fitted to the vehicles, the quantity taken being that necessary at any time to give a sufficient preponderance in weight to the descending vehicle over that ascending, the water being emptied into the lake at the bottom of the mount. The line, and the stock and mode of working it, have been designed and constructed by M. Riggenschach, of Righi fame, and was commenced just two years ago. The line commences at the landing place of the steamboats on the lake of Brienz, and runs in a nearly right line up to the hotel, situated at a distance of 1134 feet and a height of 305 feet, the gradient ranging from 24 to 32 in 100. Thence the line is straight until it reaches a crossing toward the middle of its length where the two trains, ascending and descending, cross each other by means of curves of 164 feet radii. The gauge is 3.28 feet. The station at the foot is 127 feet above the steamboat pier, and is reached by a covered stairway, passengers' luggage being pushed up by hand in a small wagon on a miniature railway. About half the Giessbach railway is carried on an iron viaduct of five arch spans, with a mean span of 124 feet, and supported on piers from 29 to 42 feet in height, the rails being fixed direct to the cross-girders. These cross-girders extend about 2 feet beyond the sides of the girders and carry a footway. On the other part of the line the rails are carried on oak sleepers placed directly on the ground, 3 feet 3 inches apart from center to center. The sleepers receive longitudinal support from iron stringers or ties of U-section. They receive further support from the rack rail, which, like the Righi rail, is formed of two angle rails connected by short square bars 1.86 square inches in section, riveted into the angle rails. The crossing, which forms one of the features of the line, operates automatically. The wheels of one vehicle, forming one of the so-called trains have their flanges exterior to the tread, while the flanges of the other vehicle are interior. The rails on the left are continuous, while those on the right are cut so as to leave a space for the wheel flanges. By these means the vehicle with interior flanges arrives in ascending, for example, and leaving the single trunk line common to both vehicles, is directed by the flanges to the right by the flanges rubbing against the left rail. The other vehicle is, on the contrary, directed by the branch which guides its exterior flanges toward the left. In the descent the operation is the same. The rack rail is bifurcated at the crossing and lowered sufficiently to prevent the wheel flange from coming into contact with it. A groove is made in the rail to receive the rope at this crossing place. The rolling stock consists of two carriages and a goods wagon, the latter being always at the station siding for the purpose of the removal of heavy luggage. It is fitted with a windlass and gearing connected with the rack rail. Four men at the windlass raise three tons 164 feet in the hour with it. The carriages have each six compartments, one for

baggage, and the others each contain eight seats, placed transversely in pairs, each pair above the other like stairs. The water vessels are placed under the platform, at the front end of which, extended, is the place for the driver, who can there command both the brake and the water outlet. The carriages have six wheels, the front pair of which is fixed to the axle and controlled by a brake, the rack line pinion being on the same axle. The other wheels are also fitted with brakes. Besides these brakes, which are operated by screws, the draw hook supports a weighted lever. So long as the hauling tension is on the rope, the hook is held up; but when the tension ceases, as by the rupture of the rope, the lever drops under the weight and the hook immediately engages with the rack. The rope consists of five tresses of steel wire covering a body of hemp; it is capable of resisting without rupture a strain of 20 tons, which is six times that which ought to be brought on it in its work. The water used is collected in a reservoir at the top of the line from the Giessbach, and the carriage on reaching the top stops close to the tank, so that the driver can fill the receiver without quitting the platform. On reaching the bottom of the line the water is automatically emptied. The wagons weigh 6 tons empty, and at most 9 tons with forty passengers. An excess weight on the descending car of about 1.2 tons of water is required. The ascent or the descent occupies six minutes, and the different manœuvres about four minutes, so that the trains may follow each other at ten-minute intervals. The velocity on the gradients is 3.28 feet per second.

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THE DANGERS OF THE ELECTRIC NIGHT.

Ladies who value their complexion should not approach an open light of any considerable power too closely, or expose themselves to it for any length of time, as the effect is very likely to be similar to that of walking for hours in a July sun. A more serious danger is that which, according to reports from England, cost a man on board of the yacht Livadia his life some time ago. He was asked to support an electric lamp temporarily while arrangements were being completed for hoisting it to its position, and by mistake placed his hand in such a position as to divert the current from the candle through his body. He was killed instantaneously. Another source of danger has been pointed out by Mr. James Harrison, superintendent of the Bureau of Surveys of the Board of Fire Underwriters. By inadvertence an electric light wire was dropped upon a telephone wire connecting the office and factory of Messrs. Silcox & Co., between No. 4 and No. 14 Maiden Lane, in this city. The current of the electric light circuit partially passed into the wire of the telephone, and in consequence thereof flames burst forth from the telephone instrument on the wall of the office, producing such an intense heat as to entirely destroy the magnets. In the *Berichte d. dent chem Gesell.* Herr E. Schöne contends that the presence of

OZONE IN THE ATMOSPHERE

is by no means proven, although it has been shown that hydrogen dioxide is in the air. Iodine potassium paper is entirely unfit for use in determining the presence of ozone, as its coloring is dependent upon the moisture in the air. Thallium paper is not thus influenced. It is prepared by pouring a solution of sulphate of thallium into a boiling solution of barium hydroxide. The solution of thallium thus obtained is used to soak filter paper. According to Schöne's investigations, the intensity of the coloring of this paper by the formation of a brown oxide has corresponded with the percentage of hydrogen dioxide in the air.

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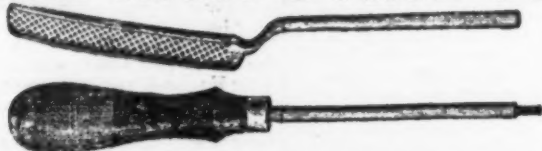
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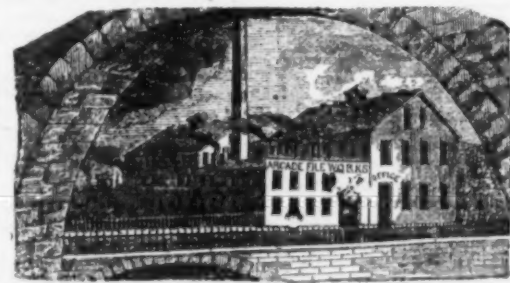
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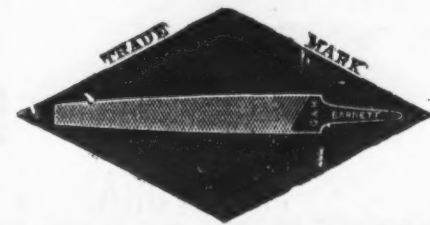
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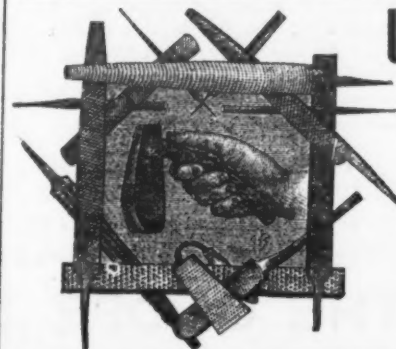
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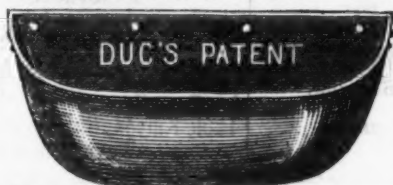
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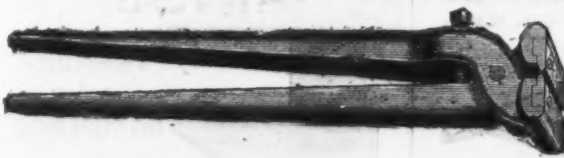
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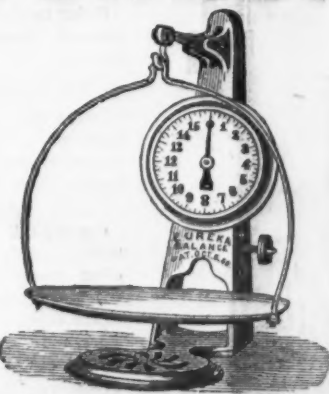
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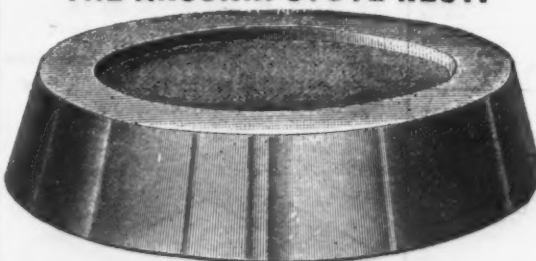
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According to the appearance of the new fracture when broken, pig iron is, and has been for many years, both in this country and abroad, designated by certain numbers, the particular value attached to each number varying, however, in different localities. Speaking broadly, No. 1 signifies a coarse grained dark-gray iron; Nos. 2 and 3 are finer grained and lighter grays; while beyond these come the "mottled" and "white" pigs. In many foundries in Germany the following scale is adopted: No. 1, largest grained, highly graphic, gray pig (Gaars Eisen); No. 2, gray pig (Gaars Eisen); No. 3, mottled pig (halbirtes Eisen); No. 4, strongly mottled pig (stark halbirtes Eisen); No. 5, lamellar pig (dünn-grelles Eisen); No. 6, dead-white iron (hochdünnes Eisen); and No. 7, white pig (grelles Eisen). In this classification—which we shall adopt hereafter in speaking of the appearances of different classes of molten iron—Nos. 1 and 2 are varieties of gray iron, Nos. 3 and 4 of mottled iron, and Nos. 5, 6, and 7 of white iron.

If, now, an alteration in the working of the blast furnace or of the cupola shows that a change has taken place in the quality of the iron, or if it is desired to secure the success of a particular casting, the following observations may advantageously be made: Let a sample be cast in the iron available, and let it be cast in a semi-spherical mold, prepared as for an open-sand casting, but lined with finely-prepared sand, care being taken that the sand is neither too tightly nor too loosely pressed down. For making this simple casting, a small ladle and a straight edge are carefully warmed, and the necessary quantity of iron is then tapped from the furnace or cupola into the ladle, the slag being removed with the heated straight edge. When this has been done the iron is poured as quickly as possible into the mold, when the heated straight edge is again passed over the iron. Experience has shown that when a furnace is working irregularly the various classes of iron above spoken of are sometimes to be found arranged one over the other, according to their specific gravities, and in procuring a sample, therefore, care should be taken to procure an average of the whole. The metal having been poured as above directed, the following observations should be made:

1. The color of the iron during the casting.

2. The movements which take place upon the surface of the metal immediately after pouring.

3. The state of the iron during and after its setting.

For the various classes of iron above enumerated these appearances will be as follows:

No. 1 Iron.—This iron has during the casting a reddish-white color, and after running it remains unagitated, and has the appearance of a crystallized fat, while it presents a frothy surface covered with "kish." Its fracture when cold is dark-gray, coarse grained, glossy, and very soft, but when remelted it gets a finer structure, and becomes suitable for being recast in crucibles for the production of art castings.

Another variety of this iron, during the pouring, has a lighter color than the variety of No. 1 previously mentioned, while, when cast, its surface is covered with a thick, dim skin, which during the experiment slowly separates in one direction in straight lines, showing at the fissures the bright metallic surface. After these movements have lasted some time, the dim skin again entirely unites, while the iron is seen to be still agitated, and commences to show small projections at those points where the division of the skin last occurred. After setting, the iron shows a slightly convex surface, which has a smooth glossy appearance, with here and there a sparkle of graphite.

No. 2 Iron.—This iron has during the

pouring a dazzling-white color, while the dim skin which forms on the surface does not appear to be so thick as in the case of the class of iron last spoken of. As the iron runs from the ladle, a tearing asunder of this skin and a display of a metallic glare below is observed, the surface at first splitting only in one direction, but fissures subsequently opening up in various directions. These figures may often be traced even after the setting of the iron, they being then formed by projection on the surface. After the fissures on the surface have been drawn together again, the iron, which is still agitated beneath, evolves small bubbles of gas, which force their way to the surface, this being especially the case toward the middle of the mass.

With the exception of the points where projections mark the last fissures in the skin, the surface of this iron, when set, is dim, glossy, and smooth, and its appearance is similar to that of refined metal, this being the case even in the fracture, with the exception of a little lighter color and slightly denser structure. This iron is the best for art castings, as the largest as well as the smallest articles may be safely cast from it, it giving clean and sharply-marked productions, which can be well worked on account of their but slight degree of hardness. If also the blast furnace charges are good and the varieties used in the cupola well chosen, iron of this class shows great flexibility and elasticity.

No. 3, or Slightly-Mottled Iron.—This iron has, when poured, a light or white color, the skin being similar to that of the No. 1 iron, but thinner, while at the point where the flowing commences a stronger metallic luster appears on the broken surface. After the pouring has taken place, the iron at first, like that last mentioned, shows fissures in the skin extending in one direction only; but this merely lasts for a short time, a dividing of the lines then taking place, and cruciform fissures being formed for charcoal and star-like fissures for coke iron.

This splitting up of the surface into fissures goes on very rapidly, new figures continually appearing only to disappear again and make room for others, the appearance being altogether a very interesting one, while the backward and forward movement in the material is remarkable. After this state of affairs has lasted some time the evolution of bubbles of gas commences, the bubbles being more numerous and being evolved with greater activity than in the cases formerly noted. During this period a great agitation of the metal occurs, this decreasing gradually until the iron is "dead," when it begins to set. The surface in this case is no longer rounded, but straight, and is covered with a number of small spheres, which show empty hollow spaces, and adhere very strongly to the surface, so that they cannot readily be removed.

The fracture of this iron shows a light color and slightly glossy surface, and is no longer strongly grained. The material is still suitable for art castings, but the objects cast from it should not have thin places, as they could not be worked upon, and would require previous annealing. On account of its great density, however, this iron is well suited for castings which have to be bored or turned, and particularly for those on which polished surfaces have to be got up. The problem is to produce an iron of this kind with the peculiarity of not being inclined to chill; but this can be done by care in charging the furnaces.

No. 4, Strongly Mottled Iron.—If the iron is strongly mottled—approaching in character to No. 5—it shows when poured, a brighter appearance and higher metallic luster than that last described. The fissures formed in the surface skin are similar to those of No. 3, but the figures formed are smaller, and the changes take place more rapidly, so that a certain amount of practice is required to enable appearances to be fixed by the eye. The formation of the gas bubbles also is more distinct, and their evolution commences at an earlier stage.

The setting of the iron takes place under conditions similar to those last described, but the surface becomes covered with numerous leaves, covering larger or smaller concavities in the surface of the iron, according to whether the leaves have been formed by the combination of several bubbles or by the adhesion of single ones. The surface is straight, and the fracture has a light, fine-grained appearance. This iron cannot be used for fine art objects, but it may be employed for larger articles, which possess a certain degree of strength.

No. 5, or Lamellar Iron.—When poured, this iron (which is scarcely to be regarded as a white pig) shows a light brilliant color, while the luster which accompanies the breaking of the skin is greater than in the varieties previously noted. After pouring, a to-and-fro movement of the fluid metal takes place, but this only lasts a short time, being followed by the formation of stellated figures, which change rapidly, and which are like those sketched above. In this metal the figures are smaller in size than those produced by the classes of iron already spoken of, while the bubbles of gas are more frequent and of larger diameter. These bubbles unite to form the large leaves which, being hollow, cool more quickly than the mass of metal below, thus giving the surface the peculiar appearance of a red-hot mass of iron covered with dark spots, this being especially the case around the circumference, where the cooling takes place earlier. This appearance is not much liked in foundries for fine work, as it signifies an iron suitable for heavy castings only, but especially applicable to some parts of machinery. The fracture of this iron is lighter than that of the earlier numbers, and it shows fine white patches, and a very dense grain.

No. 6, or "Dead-White" Iron.—The conditions just described are to be found, also, to a great extent, in the case of "dead-white" iron; but the formation of the figures is in this case still more rapid, and the fluidity of the iron is of less duration. The size and quantity of the gas bubbles are also considerably increased, as is also the appearance of the dark spots already referred to. The surface, too, when set, is no longer straight, but slightly concave, while, after the opening of the leaves produced by the bubbles of gas, deep holes are seen. The difference in the two classes of iron consists in the latter having not only deep, but also

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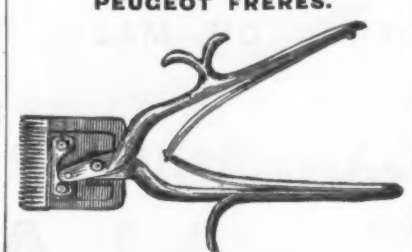
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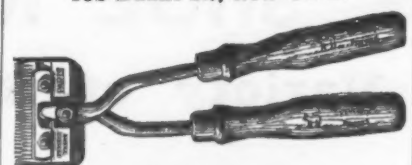
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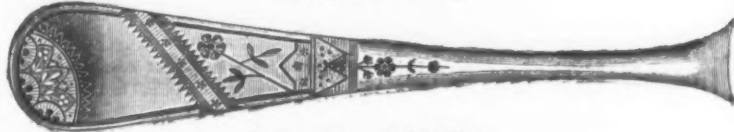


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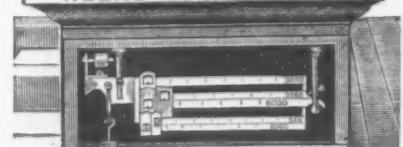
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The characteristic appearances of the various sorts of iron depend upon and are intimately connected with the proportions of silicon, manganese, phosphorus, sulphur, &c., which the iron contains. If, for instance, in an otherwise normal state of the iron the contents of sulphur in the latter are proportionately large, the so-called "Braunen," with the leaving behind of flat holes, may be observed. The shape of the figures due to the fissures in the skin is also altered if an addition of zinc, copper, &c., is made, and, for instance, the addition of tin causes these figures to alter their shape entirely, and gives rise to beautiful formation.

The formation of distinct figures by the division of the surface skin was formerly attributed chiefly to the inclination of the iron toward crystallization, but a closer knowledge of the composition of the iron has shown that the generation of gas dependent on this composition, and accelerated and acting through the presence of the oxygen of the air mixed with the metal by the act of pouring out, must exercise an influence upon the formation; this generation of gas being proved by the bubbles that rise and escape.

The question now is, whether conclusions cannot be drawn beforehand from these observations respecting the composition of the iron, and whether a preliminary determination of the contents of sulphur, phosphorus, carbon, manganese, &c., cannot approximately be made. How important these observations would be for the industry of iron if, as has not so far been the case, they could be connected with chemical analysis, and how much more instructive would they be if microscopic investigations of the crystalline formation could be added. The latter investigations certainly deserve more thorough study than they have hitherto received, a neglect which can only be explained by the difficulty of the observations, the lens necessarily having to be placed close to the surface of the iron that is under examination, and it thus being impossible to obtain a large field of view, a few particles only being in the right focus.

Long and continued study and practical observation on the part of those who have made the treatment of iron in the foundry a specialty, have enabled them to formulate a few rules which may be useful for determining the suitable sort of iron for special classes of art castings.

In iron bars, which show after the setting hollow internal spaces (such as must necessarily be produced in consequence of the setting growing from out to inside, if nothing is done for their prevention), there are to be found in these hollow spaces octahedral crystals more or less beautifully formed, according to the degree of fluidity of the iron. Now, notwithstanding the exact resemblance of the fundamental shape of the crystal, it will be found, if the various samples of iron are compared with each other in this respect, that one difference may be observed, namely, the different proportions between longitudinal and cross axes of the crystals. The more beautifully the crystals are shaped, the more clearly is this difference of proportion observable. Very large formations of crystals are often to be seen in the more capacious cavities of large castings, but these are seldom of such pure and delicate forms as those to be found in smaller cavities. If they are completely formed they resemble small fir trees, as octahedral needles at certain distances, forming also an octahedral-like space, and will be found to have arranged themselves around a central axis.

By the aid of a powerful lens a similar appearance is to be found in the surfaces of fractures of iron which are more minutely examined, while even a smaller magnifying power shows the triangular surfaces of the crystals and their proportionately different longitudinal axes.

The same class of crystals is to be found in all kinds of iron and steel, and the similarity is often so great that the assertion might almost be made that cast iron is nothing else but a compound of bar iron crystals and graphite, and that the quality of the cast iron depends upon the proportion and character of the mixture of these components.

Examining now these various sorts of iron, it will be acknowledged that to produce a certain class of castings, the pig iron forming the charges of the cupola or melting furnace should be selected and examined with the same care as the ores for the charges of a blast furnace; but while in the latter case the nature and quality of the ores to be used are thoroughly investigated before being fed into the furnace, the iron for the cupola is but too generally examined only slightly and

superficially, and a microscopic examination, which would offer some reliable data, is seldom resorted to. Instead of this, however, the quality of the iron is estimated from the place of its production; and if the nature of a certain brand of iron, supplied by known iron works, has once been ascertained, it is generally taken for granted that all further supplies from the same works will have the same qualities. Where, however (as is generally the case), the charges of the blast furnace are not always the same, the iron produced should be chemically, or at least microscopically, examined before being used in the cupola for the production of castings of a given quality.

It has to be considered that the iron, having become fluid in the higher temperatures of the ordinary cupola, has to pass in its descent through the current of air still saturated with oxygen, that it is subjected to an alteration similar to the fining process, and that it will become white and hard if the formation of graphite has not been reconstituted by the abundance of carbon. In connection with this matter we may mention the cupola furnace invented by Herr Krigar, of Hanover, this furnace being constructed so that the molten iron is withdrawn from contact with the coke and blast, the hearth for receiving the iron being to one side of the furnace and not directly below the crucible as usual. When this furnace has been correctly put up, its use has always been attended with an economy of coke; but this is not its only advantage. A leading feature is the decrease of the danger of producing white and hard iron. Hence, in a furnace on Krigar's system, a larger percentage of coke iron may be added to charcoal iron without producing a white metal than is possible under ordinary circumstances. In fact, in Krigar's furnace a suitable metal for art castings may be obtained by the use of coke iron, although, of course, charcoal iron is always to be preferred.

In support of the opinion that no iron having an inclination to get white should be applied for art castings, we may refer to the fine iron castings exhibited at Vienna by Rastorgonoff, of the Usines de Kischim, near Perm, in the Ural (Russia), which have been produced by previously submitting the iron used for them to a trial in open sand molds, when it was first determined that the iron would not get white, but would remain gray; if this was not the case it was not used.

It is further certainly erroneous to suppose that a large percentage of phosphorus, which tends to make iron become white, is especially advantageous for art castings; and this opinion is only correct in so far that the normal working of a blast furnace using limonite ores produces an iron free from "kies" or iron froth, and which is of a very fluid nature, penetrating sharply into every form, although it is hard and possesses the necessary strength.

This quality and that of other sorts of iron corresponds exactly with their point of fusion, and many occurrences, often of considerable disadvantage, depend upon it; among the most disadvantageous is, however, that of the so-called burning (Andrand) which shows itself by rough or file-like surfaces, which take away from the castings all fineness and exactness, and make them look imperfect and almost useless. A closer examination shows that these rough surfaces have been produced by the accumulation of small projections, which partly cover the castings, and with a certain thickness. This appearance is entirely independent of the molder's work, and if the latter has been executed as carefully as possible, and the best casting might have been expected, the surfaces are, nevertheless, covered with projections and grains. The reason for this can, therefore, only be in the quality of the iron. It has been endeavored to ascertain the reason of this chemically, and it is said to have been discovered that the projections forming the rough surfaces were special compounds of iron and other bodies. This, as will be seen hereafter, is correct; but it alone does not explain the mechanical processes that take place in connection with it.

The iron in a fluid state will be no homogeneous body, but a composition of various compounds between iron and phosphorus, iron and sulphur, iron and manganese, iron and carbon, iron and silicon, &c. Each compound has, however, a certain point of fusion, the one lower than the other. Now in mixtures which differ much with respect to their point of fusion from the iron, one portion of the latter will set while the other portion remains in a fluid state, this latter part being forced by the contraction of the former portion through the pores, which are still open during the red hot state of this portion of the iron, and in this manner the so-called burning or "Andrand" is produced.

A consideration of the facts above stated, showing that it is desirable to possess some simple mode of determining the relative points of fusion of different classes of iron, Mr. Schott, the director of the celebrated Ilseburg Foundry, some years ago devised the following method, which, although of course only capable of affording approximate results, he has found answer well in practice:

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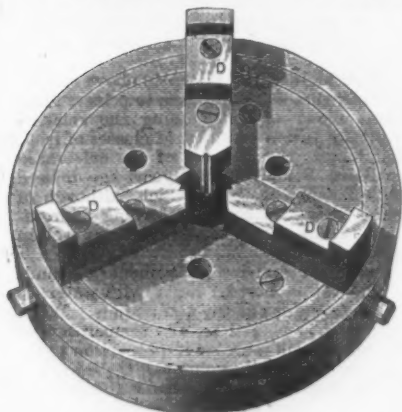


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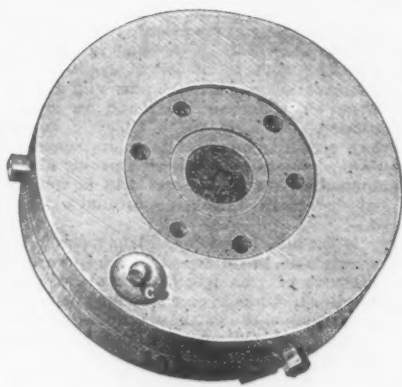


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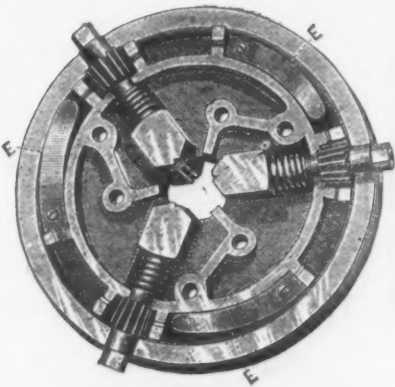


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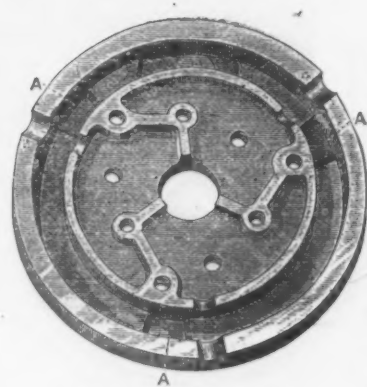


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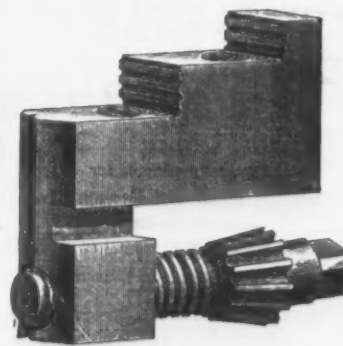


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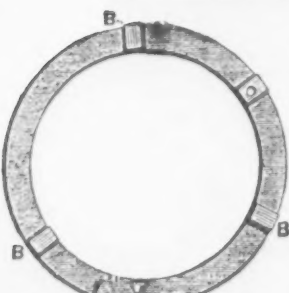


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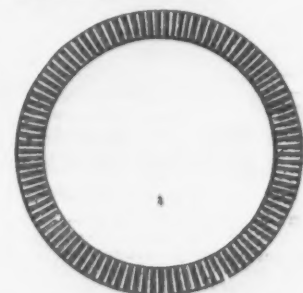


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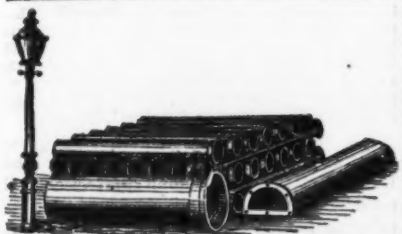


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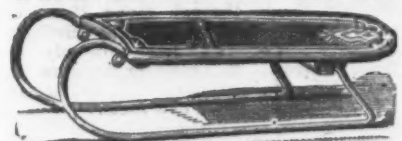
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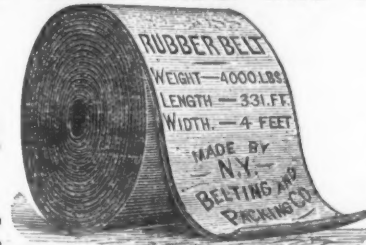
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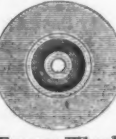
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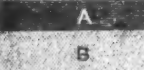
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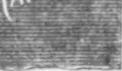
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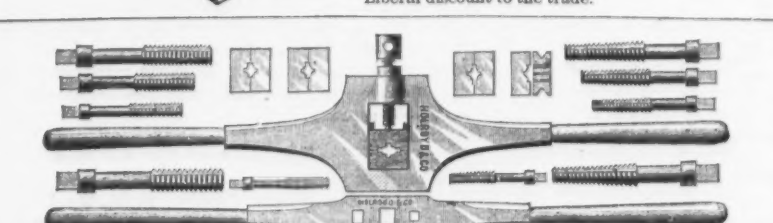
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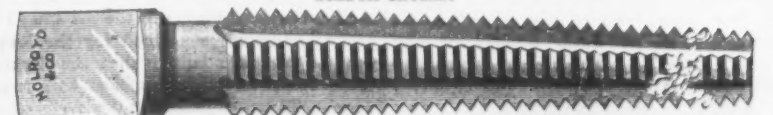
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for a certain degree of heat of the iron: Let the quantities of water used in two experiments, carried out in the way above described, be represented by W and w respectively, and let also I and i be the corresponding quantities of iron used; T and t the difference of temperature produced in water, and H and h the quantities of heat imparted to the latter per unit of weight of the iron. Then evidently

$$H : h = \frac{WT}{I} : \frac{wt}{i}$$

But the quantity of water is constant, or W = w, therefore

$$H : h = \frac{T}{t}, \text{ or } H : h = T : t, I, I,$$

whence it follows that, if we give the result, H, obtained, in any one instance a certain standard value, the corresponding value of h, derived from another experiment, will be given by the simple formula:

$$h = \frac{H \times t \times I}{T \times i}$$

It is evident that H and h, instead of being expressed in pound degrees of heat given out per unit of weight of iron, may, for practical purposes, be more conveniently expressed by the degrees of temperature representing the respective melting points, and this is really what is done at Ilseburg, the temperature of 2732° Fahr. being taken as the standard value, while differences of temperature 864° Fahr. have been found. It is to be noted that this mode of estimating relative melting points takes no account of the latent heat set free during the solidifying of the iron, but regards all the heat imparted to the water as if it were merely due to the sensible heat abstracted from the iron during its cooling down from the melting point. No doubt this fact introduces an error, while other errors may be induced by the want of care in pouring the iron into the water just before setting; but these errors do not affect the value of the system as a rough-and-ready practical method of ascertaining the relative fusion points of different samples, and, as we have said, it has been found effective and useful at the Ilseburg Foundry.

Skinner's Combination Chuck.

The Union Manufacturing Co., New Britain, Conn., and 96 Chambers street, New York City, are making a new "Universal" lathe chuck, which has, in addition to the usual motion of the jaws, both independent and eccentric motions. The jaws are worked in the usual way by means of screw threads. The screws are operated by means of pinions, which gear into a circular rack in the shell. By means of a simple stud at the back, working a cam plate, the pinions may be thrown out of gear, and one or all of the jaws worked independently. The rack is carried by the cam plate or ring, by which it is either forced forward in gear or drawn back free from the pinions. There are circles upon the face of the chuck to aid in setting the jaws true, so that when it is desired to make use of the universal motion it may be done without delay. The construction of these parts is very simple, and, as little room is taken up, the thickness of the chuck from front to back can be reduced to just what is needed for strength. This has the important advantage of reducing the distance from the work to the spindle, and thus diminishing the leverage of the cut upon the spindle itself. This is an important point, since the spindles of lathes are, as a rule, too small for the work needed, and to their springing or yielding is due much of the poor workmanship of the shops.

In order to guard against wear upon the steps of the jaws, and to insure the faces being in the proper plane parallel with the face plate of the lathe, the chuck is constructed with adjusting screws, the heads of which form a rest for the work to be held. They are, of course, flush when the chuck is finished, both head and step being ground at the same time, but they can be raised when from any cause the faces of the jaws are found out of true. These chucks are made with three and four jaws. The sizes kept in stock are 4, 6, 9 and 12 inches, but the 3-jawed chucks are made up to 36 inches in diameter, and the 4-jawed chucks up to 30 inches. The parts are made interchangeable for the same sizes, which is a point of no small advantage in all work of this class, as it enables parts to be replaced with ease when necessary.

Since writing the foregoing the Boston Journal of Commerce has come to hand, in which we notice some remarks by Mr. Pemberton upon this chuck, from which we quote as follows:

It seems to be equally solid and reliable as a concentric and simultaneously moving jaw chuck and one of independently moving jaws, and the change from one class or style to another is instantly made, without the use of a wrench and while the chuck is on the spindle. The sliding of a stud by thumb and finger instantly disengages, or throws in gear, the circular rack, and when disengaged one or more of the jaws may be put in position for irregular or eccentric forms, and then locked with the actuating rack, to move simultaneously. And there appears to be nothing in the means of making these changes that is liable to wear out or become inoperative. The hole in the center is of unusually ample size, to allow the chuck to be used on hollow arbors. The slot in the face in which the jaws traverse is large, giving great strength to the jaws. The jaw threads are lathe cut and trued in a master nut. By thorough exactness, insured by jigs for drilling and exact gauges for other parts of the work, the parts are made interchangeable, obviating the expense and waiting of returning the chuck to the works in case of breakage of any portion. The material is selected with care, the drop forgings are carefully inspected, and a system of examinations in every stage of the work seems to assure a perfected article.

Thirteen men were recently precipitated to the bottom of a colliery shaft at Mons, Belgium, and killed by the breaking of the hoisting apparatus.

Joseph Rodgers & Sons, Sheffield.

The Ironmonger gives the following brief history of this famous house:

The history of this firm is, to a very marked extent, the history of the cutlery trade of Sheffield. The Rodgers family have been cutlers for at least two centuries. In 1730 the firm consisted of Maurice and Joseph Rodgers, and their place of business was in Hollis Croft. In that year they removed into Sycamore street, but as the business of the firm increased, one lot after another of the adjacent property was purchased by them, until the whole block of buildings skirting Norfolk street, Milk street, Sycamore street and Flat street came into their possession. The premises have been entirely rebuilt, the last additions having been made as recently as 1869. The handsome and imposing frontage is in Norfolk street, and the premises are, without doubt, the most compact and complete in the world. In 1764 the firm received from the Cutlers' Company of Hallamshire their trade-mark—a Maltese cross and star. In 1800 they added to their original trade of penknife cutlery the razor and table-knife branches, and a few years later they commenced the manufacture of scissors. About the year 1821 Messrs. Rodgers & Sons were, by special appointment, made cutlers to the Royal family. Shortly after, a similar honor was conferred upon them by the King of Sweden; and both distinctions they have continued to enjoy.

In 1825 the firm opened a show room for the disposal of their goods—a proceeding which at the time had no precedent in the town. The experiment proved a success, and when the room was required for the purposes of a workshop, two other large rooms were built and opened in 1862. They are very handsomely fitted up, and for a visitor to Sheffield not to inspect Messrs. Rodgers's show rooms, and when there not to make a purchase, is to fail of seeing one of its chief sights and to miss a very great pleasure. Among the articles exhibited in the rooms is a knife containing as many blades and instruments as there are years in the Christian era. They are all perfectly distinct, and no two blades or instruments are alike. Then there is the celebrated "Norfolk" knife, which was shown at the exhibitions of 1851 and 1862, and again at the exhibitions of Paris and New York. On the steel blades are etchings of Her Majesty, the late Prince Consort, and the President of the United States; and also views of Windsor Castle and the other royal residences, of the American White House, of Haddon Hall, Chatsworth House, and other local places of interest. The handle is of carved pearl, representing on one side a boar hunt, and on the other side a stag hunt. The backs of the blades are exquisitely ornamented, and altogether it is one of the most perfect specimens of Sheffield workmanship ever turned out.

The firm have now in their employ about 1700 well-organized and skilled workmen, who turn out, weekly, 5000 dozen of table knives and forks, 1500 pairs of carvers, 1500 dozen of pocket knives, 1200 dozen of razors, and 1200 dozen of scissors. In addition, there is a large number of warehouse people, clerks, and so forth employed. The firm have offices and warehouses in Cullum street, Fenchurch street, London; and also in New York, Montreal, Toronto and New Orleans. The principal markets for their goods are the United States, India, South America, Canada, Australia, South Africa and West Indies, but they have a large home trade as well—in short, their productions find their way to all markets. Our readers will understand something of the magnitude of their trade with America when it is stated that in the last week of 1870 they sent to that country alone upwards of 10 tons weight of finished cutlery. The founders of the firm have long since passed away, as have also their sons, the last of whom, Mr. Joseph Rodgers, died in December, 1867, at the ripe age of 83. There remains only one grandson, who, together with Mr. Newbold, constituted the firm. The concern has been converted into a limited liability company, with a capital of £130,000, in shares of £100, and the fact that the subscription was privately filled in a few hours shows how fully the house enjoys the confidence of the public.

Since 1871 the business has considerably extended, and the premises then taken do not suffice by far for the requirements of the firm, who have now two branch establishments for manufacturing purposes in the town. Many new articles have been introduced, which have proved a great success, the firm having always far more to do in them than they can get through. They, therefore, see no other alternative to meet pressing needs than a further considerable augmentation of premises at a very early date.

Lighting of Railway Carriages in Germany.—The present state of the lighting of carriages is as follows: For lighting material, rapeseed oil, gas, and to a considerable extent even candles are used. Of some 16,168 carriages adapted for illumination 10,968 (or 67.8 per cent.) are lit with rapeseed oil, 2653 (or 16.4 per cent.) with gas, and 2247 (or 15.8 per cent.) with candles. In addition, experiments have been made on some lines with the so-called Mörhng oil, which is a mixture of petroleum and rapeseed oil. The gas used is partly made in works belonging to the railway, from fat, paraffin, petroleum, gas oil, or coal tar oil, partly obtained from gas manufacturers. The gasholders, in which gas can be compressed to 5½ or 6 atmospheres, are fixed under the carriages, and connected with the burners by means of tubes with regulators of pressure and valves. The filling of the holders is accomplished either direct from the gas works by means of caoutchouc tubes, or through transportable gas-reservoirs, which can be filled with 5 to 6 cubic meters gas pressed to 10 atmospheres, or from small vessels. A single filling of a gas holder suffices for 30 or 40, or even 60 hours burning. The average consumption varies in the case of gas holders from 3.375 to 7.11 and in the case of small vessels from 1.82 and 6p.

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Increased attention is given by capitalists
in this country to the gold mines of Canada,
and, judging from well authenticated reports
reaching us from time to time from different
parts of the Dominion, there is every pros-
pect that an industry of some magnitude
will be developed, as matters appear to be
guided with prudence. The latest district
from which we have encouraging state-
ments is that near Brigus, Conception
Bay, Newfoundland. Sir Alexander Murray,
a prominent Canadian geologist, has visited
this new mineral region, and reports that
the prospecting done by him has re-
sulted in the finding of several valuable
veins of gold quartz. Important as this
discovery may be, it is necessary that the
true value of the auriferous belt be care-
fully tested by thorough and intelligent pro-
specting. It seems that our Canadian friends
are looking to this country for the capital
required for the development of these mines,
and they must therefore be prepared to sub-
mit to a close and searching inquiry.

Co-operation in America.

The visit of Mr. Thomas Hughes to this
country has given a powerful impulse to the
movement in favor of co-operation, notably
for the purchase and distribution of mer-
chandise and the necessities of life. There
are many circumstances which must be
regarded as particularly favorable to a
growth of this system among our work-
men. Our political institutions on the one
hand and numerous organizations for the
settlement of wages disputes on the other,
have given our laboring classes a very strong
impression of the power of united action.
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upon which a successful organization for the
attainment of a common object can be
based. These essential qualities are more
fully developed among American work-
men than they are among those of any other
nation, and they effectually guard them
against the fallacies which have been gain-
ing such headway on the Continent, and
which have made possible the gaining of
adherents by the fierce apostles of de-
struction. For bettering their condition,
American workmen must and do actu-
ally look to their own efforts. They have
until now, and will in the future, reject the
advice of those who ignorantly preach that
the only means likely to be effective is to
destroy the possessors of wealth by fire and
sword. They do not now, nor will they
ever, insist, like the French, Germans or
Russians, that it is necessary to create a
government the chief function of which
would be to repeat, at frequent intervals,
the process of forcibly impoverishing the
rich and enriching the poor.

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tendencies likely to alienate the sympathy
and arouse the antagonism of the mass of
their fellow citizens is very important. If
organized prudently and carried out with
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erative system can only be highly beneficial
to those directly interested, and indirectly to
the country at large. The two directions in
which there is a fair prospect of success is
co-operative distribution and co-operative
building and insurance. Co-operative pro-
duction has, in an overwhelming number of
instances, proved a failure, and while there
may be prospects of its revival at a future
remote period, it would be unwise to repeat
the experiment now.

The success of co-operative distribution
in England, where it has been developed
during the last generation, has been com-
plete. It is true that much of that success
has been due to the abolishing of an onerous
and unsafe long-credit system, and that,
therefore, much of the benefit derived by
purchasing from co-operative stores must be
traced to the reduction of business to a cash
basis. As long credits have never been a
prominent feature in the dealings between
our workmen and the retail stores, it
cannot be expected that the improvement
will be as striking here as it has been in
England. On the other hand, it is likely
that, with some caution, the conductors of
co-operative stores will succeed in protect-
ing their customers against an evil which is
steadily growing, and from which none suf-
fer more severely than our workmen. We
allude to the unscrupulous methods of
food adulteration against which consumers
have been well-nigh powerless, and which
has assumed its greatest and most dan-
gerous aspect in the lower grades of
produce bought chiefly by our work-
ing classes. The prospect of being able
to obtain not alone cheap, but also more
wholesome and durable supplies, ought
to be a sufficient incentive to a sustained
and well-directed effort. Mr. Hughes, when
speaking recently before a meeting in this
city, wisely insisted that our workmen
should not go about to rich sympathizers to
borrow money for the start. They should
begin with their own funds, subscribed by
small installments until a sufficient capital
is raised, and not until it was obtained. He
urged them to choose the best men as a
committee of management, and when they
had been chosen to have faith in them. With
a prudent and conservative manage-
ment, the fruits of such co-operation will
soon compensate for the original outlay.
The wonderful record of the Philadelphia
building associations is a sufficient proof
that our workmen possess the requisite
intelligence and business management, and
that it needs only some well-directed effort
on their part to organize associations for
their own improvement and relief.

The American Society of Mechanical En-
gineers seems to have made a good start in
life, and judging from the success of its first
meeting for papers and discussion, it has a
long, useful and honorable career before it.
Many advantages will result from the care
which has been exercised in guarding
against the admission to membership of
those whose professional standing does not
entitle them to rank as mechanical en-
gineers. Those whose tastes or pursuits are
such as to place them in sympathy with the
work of the society are eligible to associate
membership, and graduates of technical
schools who have just entered professional

life may be admitted as juniors; but every
applicant for membership must file a state-
ment in writing of his professional connec-
tions and experience, and from this and
other sources of information his status is
defined by the council, whether as member,
associate or junior. This gives a certificate
of membership a value almost as great as the
degree of M. E. conferred by a technical
college, as the fact of membership proves
that, in the estimation of a committee of
representative engineers, the person admit-
ted to membership has a good professional
standing, a varied experience, a clear
record, and is competent to design or take
charge of work in this department of en-
gineering. Elsewhere in this issue we give
as full a report of the meeting of the society
in this city last week as the space at our
command will admit. The attendance was
large and representative, the papers valu-
able, the discussion animated and practical,
and every moment of time well employed.
Prof. Thurston is an admirable president,
discharging business in a business-like way
and keeping discussion moving, all of which
adds immensely to the interest of a meeting.
Mr. T. W. Rae, the new secretary, has not
yet had opportunity of showing his aptitude
for the duties of that office, but he brings to
the work abundant capacity and experience,
and will no doubt do much to promote the
usefulness of the society.

The Verdict Against the Hartford Boiler Insurance Company.

Our comments on the singular verdict in
the case of the widow of a man who was
killed by the explosion of a boiler in Wilt &
Son's establishment, Philadelphia, against
the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and
Insurance Company, though based upon un-
satisfactory newspaper accounts, were fully
warranted by the facts. Since writing that
article we have looked more fully into the
case, and are still more surprised at the
verdict than when we first heard of it. The
facts of the case are briefly as follows: The
company had insured the boiler of Messrs.
Wilt & Son for nine years, or from the time
it was put up until it exploded. It was of
the type known as the "double decker"—
that is, a 54-inch diameter boiler filled with
tubes. These were 73 in number, each 3½
inches in diameter. This boiler was con-
nected to an upper cylinder by four necks.
It belonged to a class of boilers very com-
mon in Philadelphia, where there are prob-
ably 350 or 400 in use at the present time.
It was built of scant ¾-inch iron, "C. H.
No. 1" brand, and was made at the People's
Works, an establishment well known for its
superior work in the line of boilers and
engines. It was single riveted in its long
horizontal seams, and when new, under the
United States tables of maximum pressures,
was safe at 115 pounds per square inch.
But the policy of insurance allowed only 90
pounds at first, and subsequently only 80
pounds. Near the close of December, 1878,
the company's inspector called at the works
of Wilt & Son to inspect the boiler. During
this inspection he found a blister on one of
the fire sheets, and recommended a new half
sheet to be put in place of the one dam-
aged. This was done, and on the 3d of
January, 1879, the inspector again visited
the place to see that the work had been well
done. The tubes had all been removed from
the boiler and new ones were to be put in.
The shell repairs were all completed, and,
with the tubes out, unusual facilities were
afforded for a very thorough examination.
The inspector was in the boiler for more than
an hour with the engineer and the boiler
maker. Every seam was carefully examined,
and the inspection was as complete and thor-
ough as it could have been. On the 14th of
the following May the hydrostatic pressure was
applied, which by the city ordinance is re-
quired. On the 9th of June the boiler
showed leakage around the tubes, and a
boiler maker was sent for. He expanded the
tubes anew, and waited until steam was
up again to see if they leaked, but found
them tight. On the 16th of the same month
he was called again, and found the boiler
leaking badly around the tubes. He said to
the engineer, "You have had your water
down." "No," replied the engineer, "I
am forcing the boiler." On the 26th of
June an engineer from another establish-
ment visited the works. On the trial this
person testified that the boiler was laboring
badly, and that he had told the engineer in
charge that he would not run it an hour.
The engineer replied that he was going "to
put her through until the fourth of July,
and then have her overhauled." On the
morning of June 27 it exploded, killing the
man whose widow brought suit. The
company had not been notified of any
trouble with the boiler, and knew nothing
until after the explosion of the repairing
and tinkering which had been done.

These facts were all brought out on the
trial, and yet the jury gave a verdict of
damages against the company. Between
the man killed and the company there had
been no relations of any kind. It looks very
much as if it was simply the old story of the
unfortunate widow versus the rich corpora-
tion. The widow clearly had no rights in
the matter, but she was a widow needing
support, and the sympathies of the jury
were with her. Probably they would have
been had she sued the People's Iron Works,
or the Bank of England, or the Man in the
Moon. No doubt the Hartford Company are
to a proper degree sympathetic for the un-
fortunate lady who seeks pecuniary consola-

tion in her bereavement; but they owe it
not only to themselves but to society to ap-
peal the case and secure a reversal of this
unrighteous verdict in the higher courts.
An attempt to rob a company for the benefit
of an individual is incipient communism. It
establishes a bad precedent, and if allowed to
stand may lead to serious mischief, encourag-
ing suits against companies and individuals
on no better pretext than that which exists
in this case.

The Proposed Reading Settlement.

At last a scheme seems to have been
agreed upon by which it is proposed to re-
lieve the Reading Railroad Company of its
embarrassments. The "deferred bond"
plan is about to be adopted, and the Eng-
lish projectors have, it is said, deposited
\$2,040,000 "caution money," as a forfeit,
with a banking house in New York to bind
the contract. This plan involves the issue
of \$34,200,000 of deferred income bonds,
entitled to a dividend up to 6 per cent. out
of the profits of the company only after the
common shares have had 6 per cent. When
each class has had 6 per cent. each is to be
entitled equally to half of the surplus, the
remaining half of the surplus to go into a
reserve fund to provide for interest gener-
ally, in case of deficiency in bad years. Each
shareholder will be entitled to subscribe at
30 per cent. for \$50 of the deferred income
bonds for each share held by him, \$3 to be
paid on subscribing, \$4 in thirty days after
the allotment, and the remaining \$5 in two
equal payments at intervals of sixty days.
The London syndicate, acting through a
London banking house, agreed to deposit
with an American bank, to be named by the
company, the sum of \$2,040,000 as a forfeit
to the company in case they fail to comply
with an obligation to take, at the issue price,
all of the deferred income bonds not taken
by the shareholders, and have further agreed
that out of the deposit money the company
may retain, up to \$1,000,000, whatever is
necessary to make up the second installment
of \$4 on such amount as may not be taken
by the shareholders. It is stated that a form
for the guarantee contract will reach this
country in about ten days; that all the Read-
ing receivers and the board of managers have
approved of the conditions above mentioned,
and that the prospectus is likely to be issued
within two weeks, or as soon as the contracts
can be signed, the preliminary negotiations
having thus far been conducted by cable.
This issue, if consummated, will produce
\$10,200,000. It is then proposed to sell the
\$5,000,000 of unused general mortgage
bonds of the company, which, after the suc-
cess of the issue of deferred income bonds,
it is assumed will sell for par, making
\$5,000,000, or a total of \$15,200,000, which,
after payment of the commission for guaran-
tee, will leave the company more than
\$11,000,000 over and above its cash require-
ments. Out of the large amount of col-
lateral returned to the company by the pay-
ment of the floating debt, it is proposed by
sales to raise enough money within the next
two years to meet the deferred coupon scrip
which matures in 1882.

In other words, it is proposed that large
holders of stock and of bonds of the later
issues, to save themselves from the loss
which would result from foreclosure pro-
ceedings, have agreed to become responsible
for an advance of some \$11,000,000 to dis-
charge some of the more pressing obligations
of the companies, taking in return an in-
come bond which will be entitled to draw
interest after the common stock shall have
received dividend to the amount of 6 per
cent. This is an unpleasant alternative for
the holders of Reading securities, but it is
better than any other open to them; and
some satisfaction may be drawn from the
fact that the announcement that negotiations
to this end had been consummated, has
already advanced the stock more than the
sum the stockholders are asked to pay.
By prudent and judicious management the
Reading companies may yet be able to pull
through.

The Trip of the Livadia.

The famous Russian yacht, the Livadia,
appears to be fulfilling the expectations of
her designers and builders in many respects.
Some time since this vessel, which it will be
remembered is the latest form of the system
first introduced by Admiral Popoff in his
circular iron-clad, left England bound for
the Black Sea. During the voyage some
data were gathered in regard to her speed,
&c., which gave every reason to hope that
she will prove a success, although a serious
accident happened to her on the passage.
The principal advantage claimed for the design
upon which she is built is that the pitching
of the vessel will be diminished to a mini-
mum. This has been pretty well ascer-
tained to be a fact in the earlier modifica-
tions of the present type. On her trip to
Ferrol the Livadia met with very heavy
weather, which thoroughly tested her quali-
ties in this regard. In one of those fierce
storms for which the Bay of Biscay is justly
dreaded by seamen, the vessel pitched but
very little. She never exceeded 4 degrees
for the single roll, or 7 degrees for the
double roll; or 5 degrees for the forward
pitch, and 9 degrees for the double pitch.
When it is taken into account that the
Livadia draws only 7 feet of water, this
steadiness is remarkable. The blows of the
sea are reported to have been tremendous
at times. When she arrived at Ferrol it

was found that she was leaking so much
that her pumps could not keep the water
under. It is distinctly claimed, however,
that this leakage was not due to any serious
effects of the heavy sea she had passed
through, but to the fact that one of her
bow plates was stove in and others
strained by a collision with floating wreck-
age. The main trouble with the earlier
vessels of the Popoff type was that their
speed was not sufficiently great. This
has been overcome in the new vessel
by the adoption of large and powerful
engines and careful preliminary experi-
mental study of her lines. During the
trial runs before her delivery to the Rus-
sian officers, the Livadia developed an av-
erage speed of 15.864 knots with a mean
indicated horse power of 12,383. Thus far,
therefore, the bold and costly experiment
made by the Czar has proved success-
ful, and it is likely, should this ac-
cident prove to have been really caused by
wreckage, that vessels of her type will
be built and find a use in many quarters
where the convenience due to steadiness
of motion by far outbalances an increased
fuel account.

The London Times, in an editorial article
on "Protection in the United States," says:

The hope that the United States may some day
or other be clear-sighted enough to discard pro-
tection, and to give and receive the enormous
mutual advantages which a free-trade policy
would bring with it, has been so often raised
and disappointed that our manufacturers and political
economists are not easily to be roused to a state
of active expectation on the subject. The day,
they well know, must come when the United
States, after a series of pernicious mistakes, will
at length blunder into the truth. The balance be-
tween opposed interests will not always be main-
tained steadily. Free trade will work its way
from one point to another, until in due time it
is victorious along the whole line. But when this
is to happen is a question on which few persons
will venture to pronounce confidently. They will
be content with watching the progress of events,
and with noting each occurrence which seems to
bring the final result nearer, or to remove it to
an even more immeasurable distance than before.

We think we can answer this ques-
tion intelligently. The time when the
United States can abandon protection will
come when Great Britain is so crippled as
to be no longer formidable as a competitor,
and when we can open our markets without
having every artery and vein of commerce
choked and congested by an accumulation
of British manufactures. Great Britain
must find outlets for her manufactured pro-
ducts or sink from her present position to
one of second-rate industrial importance.
She cannot maintain a manufacturing capac-
ity so far in excess of her opportunities
for exportation as it now is. Idle works
will fall into decay and capital will not re-
place them; idle labor will emigrate and
carry its skill and experience with it. This
process of decay has already begun in Great
Britain, but it has not yet been carried far
enough to cripple her power to ruin the in-
dustries of any nation which, with fewer
advantages of accumulated capital and
manufacturing facilities, cannot produce so
cheaply, and yet is drawn into the snare of
free trade. Our experience last year of an
oversupply of British goods under a protec-
tive tariff gave us a hint, and only a hint,
of what might be expected under a revenue
tariff or no tariff at all; but it was enough
to strengthen the weak knees of those who
waned in their allegiance to the principle of
protection, and has made free trade or any-
thing approaching it more immeasurably
distant than before.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE DUSSELDORF MEETING, 1880. (MEETING DE
DUSSELDORF.) By Paul Trasenster, Liège.

Among the many essays and papers writ-
ten on the progress of the Thomas basic pro-
cess, none gives so complete and compre-
hensive a review of the subject as that published
in the *Revue Universelle des Mines*, by M.
Paul Trasenster, professor at the Liège School
of Mines, long and favorably known as an
able metallurgist. The pamphlet before us
is a reprint of that paper. M. Trasenster
has gathered a vast amount of scattered in-
formation on the basic process, and has
brought it into a very convenient shape,
which, we imagine, must be very accepta-
ble to those French metallurgists who can-
not study the English and German contribu-
tions to the subject directly. The literature
of the basic process is getting unwieldy, and
we believe that the time is not far off when
a plain summary will be widely sought by
those who have neither the time nor the in-
clination to go through many elaborate
papers read before scientific associations,
and not a few of which have now only his-
torical interest. M. Trasenster has done his
work as a compiler thoughtfully, and has, in
a few instances, added new facts.

The Iron Steamboat Company.—The
plans of the Iron Steamboat Company, or-
ganized to build and run excursion steamers
from New York City, are gradually develop-
ing. Mr. Rufus Hatch, who initiated the
movement, stated to an *Iron Age* reporter
yesterday, that contracts had been made
with Messrs. Cramp and Rosch, on the Dela-
ware River, for the immediate construction
of five steamers, and that they would prob-
ably contract for seven more in a day or two.
He was not disposed just now to go into
particulars, further than to remark that
they would each carry 2000 passengers, and
were calculated for a speed of 20 miles an
hour. He did not know how many steamers
Mr. Cramp or Mr. Rosch would build out of
the five; they were both large stockholders
and would divide the work between them to
suit their convenience.

Two men were killed on the 4th inst. by
an explosion of the Laffin & Rand Com-
pany's Powder Mill, at Mountain View, N. J.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was held in this city on Thursday and Friday of last week. The theater of the Union League Club, Twenty-sixth street, was secured as a place of meeting, and, while not perfectly adapted to the purpose, answered very well. The attendance was quite large, exceeding 60 at each meeting. A great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings; the papers were valuable, the discussion intelligent and animated, and the interest was sustained throughout.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p. m., Thursday, November 4. The president, Prof. R. H. Thurston, in the chair. Mr. L. B. Moore, treasurer, was asked to act as secretary of the meeting.

The following is a list of those present whose names were obtained:

F. A. Pratt and C. E. Billings, Hartford, Conn.; J. F. Holloway and C. C. Newton, Cleveland, Ohio; E. B. Cox, Drifton, Pa.; Coleman Sellers, C. T. Porter, R. Grimsshaw, Horace See, W. Barnett Le Van, Washington Jones, George S. Strong, Philadelphia; Samuel S. Webber, Oroville, Cal.; C. H. Brown, Fitchburg, Mass.; J. C. Hoadley, Lawrence, Mass.; John Cotter, Norwalk, Conn.; W. T. Nicholson, Providence, R. I.; W. F. Durfee, Bridgeport, Conn.; J. L. Gill, Jr., and Jacob Reese, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Charles A. Hague, Chicago; F. F. Hemenway, Troy, N. Y.; W. H. Hoffman, Passaic, N. J.; E. D. Leavitt, Jr., Cambridgeport, Mass.; L. F. Lyne and A. A. Goubert, Jersey City; D. N. Melvin, Lincolnville, N. Y.; Samuel S. Powell, C. J. H. Woodbury and G. C. Hawkins, Boston; W. H. Odell, Yonkers, N. Y.; Henry Parsons, Newark, N. J.; Prof. S. W. Robinson, Ohio State University, Columbus, O.; R. H. Soule, Baltimore; Allan Sterling, Mill Point, Ont.; Geo. R. Stetson, New Bedford, Mass.; H. B. Stone, Aurora, N. Y.; Prof. John E. Sweet, Syracuse, N. Y.; H. Tabor, Corning, N. Y.; E. W. Thomas and E. H. Owen, Jr., Williamstown, Conn.; W. E. Ward, Portchester, N. Y.; Jerome Wheelock, Worcester, Mass.; S. B. Whit-ting, Portsmouth, N. H.; E. H. Robbins, Pittsfield, Mass.; T. R. Almond, Wm. Main, E. G. Ewer, A. Stearns, M. G. Wilder, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. F. Allen, G. H. Babcock, S. W. Baldwin, J. C. Bayles, W. L. Church, A. W. Colwell, A. F. Du Faur, Thos. Eggleston, A. H. Emery, C. E. Emery, S. H. Finch, John Fish, M. N. Forney, D. S. Hines, A. L. Holley, F. R. Hutson, G. B. Mallory, W. Munzer, C. W. Nason, W. A. Perry, J. Rose, Prof. W. F. Trowbridge, W. H. Weightman, W. H. Wiley, A. R. Wolf, H. R. Worthington, J. Bailey, H. B. Miller, C. C. Worthington and L. B. Moore, New York City; J. J. White, Smithville, N. J.; C. P. Deane, Holyoke, Mass.; Chas. Sperry, Westbrook, Conn.

There were also several Juniors and quite a number of visitors present, including some ladies.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

Frank E. Kirby (Kirby Bros.), Detroit, Mich.; Charles W. Pusey (Pusey, Jones & Co.), Wilmington, Del.; George M. Comly (Edgemoor Iron Works), Wilmington, Del.; Joseph Adams, Superintendent Engineer Standard Oil Company, Cleveland, Ohio; William Atwood, Superintendent Queens County Oil Works, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William H. Harrison, Newcastle, Pa.; Horace Lord, Superintendent Colt's Patent Fire Arms Mfg. Co., Hartford, Conn.; William Mason, Colt's Armory, Hartford, Conn.; Charles P. Howard, S. B. James L. Howard & Co., Hartford, Conn.; Thomas Whiteside Rae, C. E. (care H. R. Worthington), 239 Broadway, New York City; William F. Smith, Division Master Mechanic, Central Pacific Railroad, Carlin, Nevada.

NEW JUNIORS ELECTED.

Edward H. Owens, S. B. Assistant Engineer Williamstown Linen Co.; Edward N. Trump, Assistant Superintendent Delaware Beet Sugar Co., Wilmington, Del.

The regular order having been reached, Mr. J. C. Bayles read the minutes of the meeting held April 7th in the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken.

Mr. L. B. Moore, as treasurer and acting secretary, read a brief report, giving in outline the history of the society. He stated that there were now on the roll 2 life members, 161 active members, 17 associates and 9 juniors. There were a number of nominations which had not been acted on by the council. The financial condition of the society was satisfactory. The receipts had been \$2910; the expenditures, \$346.7; the balance in bank, \$2563.93.

On motion of Mr. Holley, the Chair appointed the following standing committees:

On rooms and conversations: J. C. Hoadley, Eckley B. Cox, J. C. Bayles, A. Faber Du Faur, Frederick R. Hutton.

On arrangements for regular meetings: Washington Jones, Coleman Sellers, Wm. Lee Church, M. N. Forney, Chas. E. Emery.

The Chair announced that by unanimous vote of the council Prof. John E. Sweet, of Syracuse, had been invited to read the first paper before the society. This compliment was tendered in view of the valuable services which Prof. Sweet had rendered in organizing the society and recruiting the original membership. Prof. Sweet then took the platform and read a valuable and suggestive paper on friction as a factor in motive power expenses. In the course of this paper he described a new form of engine, possessing many features of novelty and advantage, which he had designed and built. We regret that, owing to the necessity for cuts which we have not had time to prepare, we are unable at this time to give a satisfactory abstract of Prof. Sweet's paper.

Mr. Coleman Sellers, of Philadelphia, followed with a paper on the metric system. It was in substance as follows:

THE METRIC SYSTEM—IS IT WISE TO INTRODUCE IT INTO OUR MACHINE SHOPS?

To the great bulk of mankind engaged in trade, in buying and selling, in bartering and exchanging, it matters little what system they adopt; it matters little whether they are obliged to use a yard-stick or a meter-rod, pounds or kilograms, quarts or liters. The cost to them of a change from one to the other is the cost of the few devices needed in weighing and measuring; the rationale of the system may never enter their thoughts.

With the machinist the case is different. He must not only possess costly means of measuring and weighing, with a degree of exactness unknown to others, but the results of these weights and measurements are fixed and unalterable. Enormous expenditures on tools, on drawings, on patterns, on everything he uses in making or building his machines are what is involved in the primary system used in determining weight and size. The product of this expenditure means everything that makes modern civilization possible. I propose, in this paper, to consider the subject only as it relates to our own profession; not in regard to its effect on the grocer, the dry goods man, or on the druggist. I propose to show why, after nearly twenty years' constant use of the metric system of measurement, I record my opposition to any enforcing legislation in this direction, because the metric system is not well adapted to the practice of the machine shop.

For nearly 20 years one large department of Wm. Sellers & Co.'s establishment has been worked on the metric system, as thoroughly as the system can be worked in any machine shop; as thoroughly as it is worked in France or Germany. The drawings made for this department are to the metric scale, figured in millimeters. The small tools and gauges are to metric measurement only, and the product of the shop is scaled to metric sizes and called by names based on those sizes.

The metric system was legalized here in May, 1866. Some of its enthusiastic advocates now urge its being made exclusive and obligatory. Societies are organized to teach its principles to the people, and much money has been expended in publishing, but up to this time few conveniences have been placed in the hands of mechanics to enable them to use it in their calculations. Some years ago (the conditions remain the same to-day) letters addressed to leading publishing houses, asking for metric books in the English language equivalent to those to which we constantly refer, which books are as necessary to us as our other tools, failed to bring a single favorable answer. What was asked for was some book in which formulas shall be given in the most convenient form expressible in relation to the metric nomenclature. Many books can be found urging its merits as a system, and the writers of these, in showing (!) that the metric system can be learned entire in say 15 minutes, may think they have done what is needed, but no book yet published in the English language, so far as I have been able to learn, even approximates to what is required. There are many very good books of tables for the ready conversion of the measurements of one system into the other, but unless an engineer is as familiar with the metric system as with his own they aid him but little. On the other hand, our English work books are many and valuable. The great bulk of literature of primary importance to mechanical engineers is in English, and expressed in feet and in inches.

The absence of these help books need not, however, prevent any one familiar with the metric system from using it in his practice. If he can think in the new system he can work in it too. He can formulate what is directly needful to him if he will take the time and trouble so to do. In designing any engineering work, proportioned structures can be produced by either scale; the working drawings can be then made to whatever system obtains in the shop of erection. This change from one to the other system in the drawing room is a matter of no difficulty whatever. The change from one system to the other in the workshop, however, involves more than the usual advocates conceive of.

The unit of measurement used in making a machine does not in any way complicate the repairs of that machine. Machines built in England do not always agree with any of our even sizes, yet this discrepancy is a matter of no moment in the repairs of any of them. If we fail to find sizes corresponding to our sizes in English machines, presumably built on the same scale of linear measurement as our own, neither do we find even millimeter sizes, always, in machines from France or Germany.

Wm. Sellers & Co. make injectors for feeding boilers. They make them to the metric scale. Their instruments are made from drawings figured in millimeters in all parts, except where screws and screw threads are needed. Screws to be cut on existing lathes cannot be conveniently figured metrically, unless we adopt the custom of some German shops, to figure in one dimension and make gauges to some other one. A screw bolt in Germany called 25 mm. diameter must be made 25.4 mm. size to conform to the screw system in use there; it will have 8 threads per inch, and consequently 8 threads per diameter (I will explain this later). Screws cannot be metrically divided until metrically divided lead screws have been originated and put in the place of the inch divided lead screws common to all lathes in all parts of the world.

The people into whose hands these injectors pass know nothing of the scale of proportions to which they have been made. If some piece needs repairs and its shape has been lost by wear, it is needless to say that a knowledge of the scale would give no clue to that shape, but from some existing original any part can be copied; to copy requires no knowledge of the scale used. Repairs, too, as a rule, require deviation from original size to compensate for wear. While the value of the unit of measurement may be of little moment in repairs, it is, however, all important in the first production of machines. In shop practice and in mercantile practice, to avoid an endless variety and confusion of sizes, certain dimensions in progressive

order are adopted, being the sizes found most useful and most saleable in practice.

These progressive sizes we may call, in order to make the matter more easily understood by "advanced thinkers," shop sizes and merchant sizes. It is by the use of well-considered ranges of shop and merchant sizes that the maximum of convenience is obtained at the minimum of cost. Hence, one metrological system may be found to possess advantages over another when put to the test of practice. The one that is best in affording the most convenient and the most easily used and memorized series of sizes should not be called unphilosophical. The resting-place for memory in the American series of shop sizes is the inch. The inch is subdivided by a process of repeated halving down to 1-16 in the usual grade of shop and merchant sizes, as in bar iron. This gives 16 sizes to the inch for small sizes; 8, 4, 2 or 1 to the larger sizes. If a machinist should order from us a set of caliper gauges from $\frac{1}{8}$ up to 2, advancing by 1-16, and from 2 up to 4, advancing by $\frac{1}{8}$, we are at once informed of the shop system contemplated in his workshop.

Metric-using people have ranges of shop and merchant sizes too; when I come to compare their possible series and their actual series with our own, some faint glimmer may come to those who now know nothing about the matter of the fact that our unphilosophic system is not so very bad after all. In regard to what is involved in each shop size, in a money point of view, I will give but one single example. The inquiry to our own tool room keepers for a list of the separate devices used in producing one size, viz., $\frac{1}{16}$ inch, brings to me the names of 129 articles or sets of articles, such as drills, reamers, gauges, boring bars and cutters, taps of all kinds for all sorts of uses, hardened mandrels, &c. These many pieces, costing many hundreds of dollars, represent one size only. They tally with and belong to the dimension marked $\frac{1}{16}$ in many thousand places on drawings, which have been accumulating for years, to patterns leading down our pattern laths, to gear wheels interchangeable over a continent, and to the output of our factory for years. So important in an economical point of view has come to be these shop-size series, that machines built in one shop, if to be reproduced (not repaired) in another, must be redrawn to conformity to the shop system in use before the work can be begun to advantage.

Year by year this harmony in shop sizes in America spreads over a large area. Entire harmony in essential points exists in many of the leading shops. There are, however, examples still to be found in which machines built in one shop have no dimension in common with the shop sizes we use, as compared to our inch series or our millimeter series, for we use both. The expert recognizes such machines as having been built to gauges varied by the judgment of the master workman, or by the more costly method of fitting one piece to another already completed, a process not admissible in any well-regulated machine shop.

The metrology of the American shops is based on the inch and on it only. This dimension is cut up into minor parts by halving to any degree of subdivision, practically in shop sizes to 1-16th; it is also divided into 10 parts, and into 12 parts when such divisions serve any good end. All such divisions have their uses and lead to no confusion. The inch squared is the base of our strains and pressures. The inch cubed gives us capacities. Later I will speak of 12 and 36 inches squared and cubed. This one unit, the inch and pound weight of 7000 grains Troy, is all that a machinist needs to carry on his business. His inch is the same inch as is used in England and in the Russian machine shops. His pound is the pound in common use in England.

In America we have dropped some needless weights and measures, just as we have seen fit to drop the letter u from some of our words. We do not use in the machine shop the ton of 2240 pounds, nor its quarter or its hundredweight; we do use a weight called "ton of 2000 pounds." This is the factor weight in strains, and by it we sell machinery. Other trades may retain some of these useless things; I am speaking only of machine-shop practice.

The unit of measurement in France and in Germany is the millimeter. It is not and cannot be the meter for the following reason: The great majority of all sizes used in the construction of any machine, whether it be big or little, are less than one meter. By the use of the millimeter only decimals are avoided; 8 millimeters must be written 8 in the millimeter scale, while it must be written .008 in the metric scale.

This is reason enough, for by the use of millimeters only, confusion of signs is avoided, and the danger incident to decimals is also avoided; hence all drawings are figured in millimeters only up to dimensions measuring many thousand millimeters. This little dimension is then squared and cubed, or 10 or 100 millimeters are squared and cubed for the uses corresponding to our squared and cubed inch and foot. As may be expected, happy coincidences of conveniences are found in either system. Thus an ardent metric advocate instances that one kilo. to the square centimeter is just one atmosphere. We say 15 pounds to the inch is 15 pounds to the inch is 1 per cent. nearer right than the other is. For a machinist who seldom uses atmospheres, a happy coincidence on the other side will be of more service. It so happens that wrought-iron bars with parallel sides measure in square inches of this section just one-tenth of their weight in pounds per yard. Now, inasmuch as "shapes" in iron are rated by the pounds per yard for convenience in large structures, so it comes to pass that, when we know the weight per yard of any wrought iron "shape," we know at once its sectional area. Inasmuch as compression and extension and factors of safety are involved in a knowledge of cross section, it is handy to be able to find it so readily, is it not? A shape iron 80 pounds to the yard has 8 square inches area of section. If it is good for 10,000 per square inch in extension, we may load it with 80,000 pounds.

I have set out to compare the two scales—to compare the two units, rather, after an experience of 20 years with both. The inch is 25.4 times larger than the millimeter.

These are the two dimensions we are to compare.

We will begin in the drawing room. Few machines, or even parts of machines, can be drawn full size; hence comes the need of "scales." There is reason in all things, even in scales. The unwritten law of most machine shops is to make every drawing as large as possible, as near full size as the nature of the subject and the dimensions of the paper used will permit. We have in our drawing room about 125 drawers, each of which will take in, without folding, drawings 52 inches (1320 mm.) long by 33 inches (840 mm.) wide. This is about as large a sheet as we can use to advantage, and tracings from these are not unmanageable in the workshop.

Down to the one-tenth scale the dimensions can be read from a good millimeter rule, for the one-twentieth, the one-fiftieth and the one-hundredth scales must be constructed. The jump from one-half to one-fifth size is unfortunate. Could we conveniently quarter the whole size we would have an increased area section, a matter of much moment. The 1-5 of 10 inches is 2 inches, and the square of 2 is 4. The $\frac{1}{4}$ of 10 inches is $2\frac{1}{2}$, and its square is $6\frac{1}{4}$, a gain in size of over 50 per cent; a gain in comfort, in convenience and in eyesight. Here we catch the first glimpse of the advantage of our own system; for with it draftsmen can, from an ordinary well-divided inch rule, obtain the following scales: Full $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1-6, $\frac{1}{4}$, 1-12, 1-10, 1-24, 1-32, 1-48, 1-64—12 gradations, as compared to 7, and to these 12 can be added with perfect ease 5 of the others, making 17 in all, if the preference be for the decimally divided inch, a scale carried in the tool box of every machinist, and obtainable from the 2-foot rule in so common use.

The scale series in most common use is that of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$; this halves down from whole size and can be raised, in rapid drawing, by taking off diameter sizes from one drawing and using them as radius dimensions in the other, a process impossible between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1-5 sizes.

The true value of this extended series of scales, with its peculiar advantages, is manifest to any one familiar with both, and admits of no dispute. Is it a wonder that draftsmen brought up under a metric rule take so kindly as they do our unphilosophical system?

Drawing is but a small part of the engineer's work. More or less calculating has to be done; many hours must be spent in figuring strains, estimating weights, determining speeds and what not. This brings us to the test of convenience in calculation, to the stronghold of the metric advocates.

I have mentioned the innumerable books which have been prepared, simplifying processes of calculations by tabulating the results of experiments on a basis of the inch unit. Of these books the English experiments form a large bulk of the valuable engineering knowledge of the world. Hodgkinson, for example, experimented with the crushing resistances of various substances, and the results of his experiments are in the possession of all engineers. He took samples in cylindrical form, 1 inch diameter, 2 inches long each, for these experiments. Armstrong quotes these experiments and tabulates the results, saying they were obtained by Hodgkinson, *avec des cylindres de 0.0254 de diamètre sur 0.508 m. de hauteur* = $1" \times 2"$, and from these he deduces, for example, that ash has a crushing resistance of from 610 to 655 kilos. per square centimeter.

Mr. Trautwine, quoting Eaton Hodgkinson's experiments, also tells us that ash, weighing from 45 to 53 pounds per cubic foot, has a crushing value of 8600 pounds per square inch. Now, 1 pound per square inch = .0703077 kilo. per square cm., or 1 kilo. per square cm. = 14.2232 pounds per square inch, $\frac{8600}{14.22} = \text{about } 605 \text{ kilos.}$

to the square cm. Here, from Trautwine's deduction, the metric using engineer will employ 605 as a factor where we use 8600 in the same case. He, because his unit of measurement is less, or, rather, requires more figures to express it, multiplies these many figures by a lesser factor, while we, expressing our dimensions with lesser figures, use with these figures a larger factor. In other words, we can complete our calculation sooner, because we are able to deal with the largest measures compatible with convenience. We can use the cubic inch, the cubic foot or the cubic yard, at our pleasure, just as the mechanic selects his tools in accordance with the extent of his work, and don't fool time away driving at a railroad spike with a tack hammer.

It has been my wish to test this matter thoroughly; my experience covers many examples of engineers and draftsmen educated in metric-using countries, who, when they come to us learn to use our measures as quickly as we can learn to use theirs, but adopt our methods of calculation as involving fewer figures. Thus, for all practical purposes, in strains, what will be strong enough in kilos., if we assume two pounds to the kilo., will be near enough right, and if the "grand truth of mechanics is that properties or dimensions of parts of machinery to accomplish any given purpose will be unaffected by any standard of length or weight applied to the part," it is, therefore, possible to arrive at the theoretical proportion by either system, and it is presumable that the workman will select the easiest one to work with, the more so if the easiest one happens to be the one he has been most used to. I have yet to see the example of a metric-educated draftsman working in millimeter calculations on an inch-measured machine, while with our own experience with both we could follow him in either.

Cubic inches go further than cubic millimeters—i. e., they involve fewer figures in their expression; because a cubic inch is 16,000 times larger than a cubic millimeter, it is 16 times larger than a cubic cm.; and while, again, the liter is, may be, 64 times larger than the cubic inch, yet is the cubic foot 27 times larger than the liter, and between the liter and the cubic meter there is no unit of measurement; 10 liters, like our gallon, has an edge only expressible in decimals.

The harmonious relation of extension, bulk, weight and all that comes out strongest when we deal with distilled water.

Away from that precious fluid and we are required to know and use the weights of matter as they relate to water. I must confess I see no difference in favor of hunting up in books the specific gravity of matter, or in looking for the weight of matter in pounds per cubic inch, or foot, or yard.

The value of the drawing-room system is tested or tried when the drawings reach the machine shop. It is there that errors are found out. An incorrectly figured drawing costs nothing on account of the errors so long as that drawing rests quietly in its drawer; but it costs fearfully when the error is discovered in the partially finished machine. All engineers agree on one thing, viz., the fewest possible figures that can be used to express dimensions clearly, the easier it is to work to the drawing, and the less liability to make mistakes. Beautiful as is a decimal system in calculation, and we all use it, save in mental arithmetic, it has been found advisable to avoid the use of decimals as far as possible on the drawings used in our workshops, even in metric-using countries. A misplaced point is an easy error to make, and may cause no end of trouble and expense. I had hoped for gain in the drawing room from the use of metric scales; I expected to find more than in the machine shop; I have been disappointed in both.

In the machine shop we come to test the value of shop sizes and merchant sizes, or rather the series possible in both, with one or the other system. For what is in use abroad we look to Germany rather than to France for information useful to us, inasmuch as in Germany the metric system was taken up at a late day, and was introduced in its entirety without shock. To United Germany anything was better than their frightful confusion of 15 inches in use, all differing from the inch still used with their screw threads, and differing from the inch of England. The metric system is incomparably better than their before entire want of any uniformity. With us the matter is very different, as will be seen more clearly as we advance. We divide our unit, in practice, into just what parts are best suited to express our practical wants, and the system in our machine shops is uniform over a continent.

The first item of manufactured matter entering the machine shop door is bar iron. The merchant sizes of round, square, &c., in America, are by 1-16, by $\frac{1}{8}$, by $\frac{1}{4}$, &c. In Germany, similar bars advance in size by 1 mm. up to 40, by 2 mm. from 40 up to 80, and by 5 mm. above 80. This system is memorizable by 40 and 80—by 1, 2 and 5. It is the best that can be done with a system tied up to an unchangeable scale. It does not agree with the English or American merchant sizes, except in a few sizes. The system of bolts, diameters and threads per inch common or general over the Continent of Europe is that known as the Whitworth system. They still adhere to this system as they do to the English system of gas and steam pipes and their fittings. The Whitworth system pitches its threads to even numbers or half numbers per inch in length. These pitches are easily obtained from the lead screws of all lathes, which are 2, 4 and 6 threads per inch as a rule. Having given up the inch, the Germans formulate their threads per diameter (see tables at the end of this paper). For the names of the bolts they must either retain their English names, and call a 25.4 mm. bolt 1 inch, or they must call it what it is, 25.4 mm., but some call it 25 mm., and make it .4 mm. larger. This inch bolt has 8 threads per inch, and as the diameter, too, is 1 inch, it can be said to have 8 threads per diameter. A $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch bolt measures 25.6 mm.; it may be called 29 mm. size; it must be cut out of 29 mm. iron, the nearest merchant size, with a loss of 4-10 of a millimeter. This loss don't seem much, but the dies which have to cut it off tell the story very soon. The Whitworth scale gives the same pitch to $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{1}{4}$ screws, viz., 7 per inch. The exclusive metric shops call the one 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ threads per diameter, and the other 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, and yet they are practically the same and must be cut with the same combination of change wheels on the lathe. Here is a precious example of what comes from trying to harmonize two systems under one nomenclature. The screw system in general use is so good, it has been so long in use, its disturbance would shock so many interests, that it is unwise to give it up, as unwise as it would be to adopt the American gas pipe system in place of the English, or for us, for sake of uniformity with England and Germany, we should attempt to force the adoption of their system into our houses. Imagine the hue and cry if some "benevolent despot," for the good of mankind in general and Europeans in particular, should direct us to change our "fittings" to English standards, none of which would fit the pipes we have in our houses. Why, we are even vexed enough if we are sold a "sleeve" which will not fit a pipe put in place 30 years ago.

America has, for the last half century, been striving in its own way toward equalization of its standard sizes. The immense railroad industries demand this. Standard wheels on standard axles—standard fit sizes for both—are all founded on an inch scale of sizes.

The shop sizes in America harmonize with the merchant sizes and with convenience. We cannot change them. It would be unwise, I think, to do so in face of the obtainable metric sizes if we could. One example of good and bad systems and I have done with this part of our subject.

An essential of all machine shops is a drill system; a series advancing by 1-16th up to 1 inch, and by $\frac{1}{8}$ inch up to 2 inches, is equivalent to an advance by $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. in a metric series. Such an advance as $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. is impracticable, because it must be memorized entire; it affords no holding place for the memory. Twist drills were first made in America; they were so good, so useful, that American drills came to be the rage in Europe. After a time good makers there began their manufacture. I will mention one house, founded in 1834, that of Heilmann, Ducommun & Steinen, at Mulhouse (Alsace), one of the best known houses in all Europe. They make twist drills from 10 mm. up to 50 mm., advancing by 1 mm., but

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WASHINGTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Letters received by members of the government from different parts of the country, and especially the centers of the manufacturing industries, show that a deep sense of relief has followed the settlement of the Presidential question. Without at all regarding the subject in a partisan light, the effect has been to quicken revenues, and, judging from this source of information, brought renewed activity to business. The prominence, too, of the tariff question has also worked a remarkable change in national sentiment on that important subject, and will open a new field of politics when parties again put forth issues for popular arbitration. As Representatives drop in from divers sections of the country, the tariff question is the common topic of discussion, and among Democrats a large share of their party misfortunes is attributed to the mistaken idea that the people favored free trade, or its sham "tariff for revenue only."

Judging from these sources, at the next meeting of Congress the Committee of Ways and Means and the calendar will be deluged with propositions bearing more or less upon the tariff. Every political demagogue will have a ream of bills to serve to magnify his importance to disturb business, and enable him to set up a howl for popular consumption. It would be well for the great industries, so keenly sensitive to such agitations, to remember that the policy of the present administration will be adhered to, and whatever errors may be committed through excess of ardor on the part of Representatives to make capital by these means, will be on the side of protection rather than of free trade.

General Benet, Chief of Ordnance, in his annual report, just submitted to the Secretary of War, says of the United States testing machine, about which so much has been said in manufacturing and scientific circles during the past four or five years: "This extraordinary machine is now in successful operation at the Watertown Arsenal, under the command of Col. T. S. Laidley, Ordnance Department. The appropriation made last session for its care and operation will enable us to fully test its capabilities and make a substantial beginning toward the testing of materials."

This machine is considered the most perfect testing machine in the world, equally able to test a single bar and the largest column; accurately testing specimens by either tension or compression with any load desired, from 1 to 800,000 pounds, the specimens being of any length from 1 inch to 30 feet. Its determinations are of great value to the departments of the government and to the scientific and industrial interests of the whole country.

The Secretary of War, in a letter to the President, says: "The country is now in possession of the most perfect testing machine in the world. The use of metals in all kinds of constructions, both private and public, demands so accurate a knowledge of their qualities as can only be determined by just such a machine as this, and its determination will be of the greatest value to one of the most extensive industries in which our people are engaged."

By an act of Congress, March 3, 1873, an appropriation of \$25,000 was made for the construction of improved machinery for testing American iron and steel. Under this act the Ordnance Department ordered Mr. A. H. Emery, of New York, to make a testing machine, to be designed and built by him and erected at the Watertown Arsenal. In March 3, 1875, Congress appropriated \$50,000 more for the cost of the machine and prosecuting tests. Under this act the President appointed a board of officers, consisting of Gen. Gilmore and Col. Laidley, U. S. A.; Commander Beardslee and David Smith, Civil Engineer, U. S. N.; and Gen. W. Loom Smith, A. L. Holley and R. H. Holley, Civil Engineers. This board requiring additional apparatus, increased the weight of the machine. Instead of weighing 80,000 pounds it rose to 170,000 pounds. This machine was completed Feb. 8, 1879, and is now at the Watertown Arsenal and under the Ordnance Department, ready to make such tests as are required.

Mr. Emery having expended an amount far in excess of the sums appropriated by Congress, asks \$200,000, in which request he is supported by the board of officers and a favorable report by a committee of Congress, and it is not improbable that the amount will be paid.

The Treasury Department has rendered an important decision in the matter of the exact on of duty on certain sheathing metal withdrawn from bond for the repair of certain American vessels. The following is the decision:

"After said metal was used on the vessels in question the vessels were sold to foreign owners, and, in consequence of this fact, demand was made for payment of the duties on the sheathing metal placed on them."

"In your letter of the 5th ultimo, the opinion was expressed that the liability of the importers of this metal for the duties due thereon is clear, and reference was made to articles 617 and 760 of the General Regulations of 1874, to support this view. In the letter of the department first specified, the opinion was expressed that the metal was not within the meaning of the regulations used in repair of vessels of the United States engaged in the foreign trade, and that, therefore, duties accrued thereon."

"Decision 2843, dated June 5, 1876, refers to an opinion of the Attorney-General, to the effect that 'only vessels designed to be documented for and employed in trade between this country and that of some foreign nation are entitled to the rebate of duties upon the articles enumerated in section 2513 of the Revised Statutes,' and the same principle, of course, applies to articles withdrawn under section 2514, relative to articles withdrawn for the repair of American vessels, the former section relating to their construction. The reply of the department in the present case was based on these general principles."

"If, however, there was not, at the time the metal was used on these vessels, and before the bonds of the importers were cancelled, any contract, express or implied, for

the sale of these vessels to foreign owners, they possessed at the time the metal was so used all the privileges which any American vessel could enjoy under said section of law, being American registered vessels entitled to engage in the foreign trade between the United States and foreign countries, it may well be doubted whether the principle laid down in the opinion of the Attorney-General operates to subsequently deprive vessel owners of their rights under the statute, which were absolute at the time the metal was used. Upon this view, the present case turns upon the good faith of the parties to the transaction, and, if you shall be satisfied by evidence under oath that no contract or agreement was made before the cancellation of the bonds to sell these vessels to foreign owners, you are authorized to withhold proceedings for the collection of the duties on the metal specified."

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Pig, tons, 57	
Sheet, bds, 168	
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Bars, 500	
Bundles, 665	
Scrap, rails, 10, 209	
Rods, bds, 1212	
Railroad bars, 4466	
Scrap, lot, 1	
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We have no change to report in prices of Old Metals, the market continuing dull and inactive.

Copper, heavy	10.15	10.15
Copper, bottom	10.15	10.15
Yellow Metal	10.15	10.15
Brass, heavy	10.15	10.15
Brass, light	10.15	10.15
Composition, heavy	10.15	10.15
Lead, heavy	10.15	10.15
Lead, light	10.15	10.15
Zinc	10.15	10.15
Pewter, No. 1	10.15	10.15
Pewter, No. 2	10.15	10.15
Wrought Iron	10.15	10.15
Light do.	10.15	10.15
Stove Plate	10.15	10.15
Machinery do.	10.15	10.15
Grate Bars	10.15	10.15

The prices current for Rags, &c., are as follows:

Canvas, Linen	10.15	10.15
White Cotton, New	10.15	10.15
White, No. 1	10.15	10.15
No. 2	10.15	10.15
Second	10.15	10.15
Soft Woollens	10.15	10.15
Mixed Rags	10.15	10.15
Gunny Baggies	10.15	10.15
Jute Butts	10.15	10.15
Kentucky Bagging	10.15	10.15
Book Stock	10.15	10.15
Newspapers	10.15	10.15
Waste Paper and Scraps	10.15	10.15
Kentucky Bale Rope	10.15	10.15

PHILADELPHIA.

Office of The Iron Age, 220 South Fourth St.,
Philadelphia, Nov. 9, 1880.

Pig Iron.—Since date of our last report there has been a steady demand for Pig Metal, and prices have been well maintained. Several very large lots were taken some two or three weeks ago, and although prices were low, their removal has had a good effect, as they had been pressing on the market for some time. If the demand should be maintained, as during the past two weeks, some further advance in prices might be looked for, but it seems probable that production is in equal proportion to consumption, and the indications of further advance are, therefore, somewhat remote. The movement of the past two weeks was clearly indicated in our report dated October 19th, as follows: "Stocks are accumulating at furnaces, but there is probably so much less in consumers' yards, so that the difference is simply one of ownership. Consumption keeps up surprisingly, and with the gradual absorption of foreign material the present output at furnaces is not excessive, and the depression of the last two months not the result of over-production, but more on account of consumers cleaning up stocks before entering into new engagements. It is probable, therefore, that buying will set in along the whole line in the course of two or three weeks, and extreme dullness give place to considerable activity. This opinion is based on the fact that purchases of raw iron for several weeks past have been entirely out of proportion to what has been consumed, and as there are no grounds for apprehending a falling off in consumption, buying in proportion must necessarily follow." It will be seen, therefore, that the recent heavy transactions are not to be attributed to speculation, but are of an entirely legitimate character. During the balance of the year it need not occasion surprise if the market is very quiet; leading consumers have bought all they are likely to require for some time, and will, therefore, not be likely to buy again at the now slightly advanced prices. On the other hand, the furnaces have got rid of their stocks, and in many instances have their capacity engaged for several weeks to come, so that, while there will probably be less demand, there will also be less iron offered. Prices, therefore, are not likely to show much change, and a steady and satisfactory business to all parties is confidently anticipated. It is difficult to give exact quotations; many new brands are on the market, and in order to introduce them prices have been marked down, so that while we hear of good No. 1 Foundry at \$24 and Gray Forge at \$19 @ \$19.50, these prices are quite exceptional, and not in keeping with the general market. The best and most favorably known brands are firm and may be quoted at \$25 @ \$26 for No. 1; \$22 for No. 2, and \$20 @ \$21 for Gray

Forge. Bessemer Iron is very dull, and \$24 a nominal quotation. Charcoal Iron is steady at \$35 @ \$38; Scotch Iron a fraction higher, and for small lots from store may be quoted \$21.50 @ \$22 for Eglinton, \$23 @ \$23.50 for Glengarnock, and \$24 @ \$25 for Gartsherrie.

Muck Bar.—Business has been a little quiet during the week, but prices are unchanged, say \$38 at mill for fair quality.

Blooms.—There is very little business doing, but prices are steady and unchanged, viz.: Cold-Blast Charcoal Blooms, \$67.50 @ \$70 per ton of 2464 lbs.; Run-out Anthracite, \$57.50; Sunken Scrap Blooms, \$52.50 per ton of 2240 lbs.; and Northern Ore Blooms, \$48 @ \$50.

Structural Iron.—There has been a very active demand during the past week, and some heavy orders have been entered. All classes of buyers have been in the market, and the mills have about all the business they can manage. Sales of about 2000 tons of shapes have been made during the week to bridge builders, a similar quantity to ship builders, and rather more than the usual amount for architectural purposes. Business promises to be very active during the winter. Bridge building and ship building especially show considerable improvement, and a good deal of iron will be consumed in this direction. Prices are steady and without change. Angles being quoted at 2.6¢; Beams, 3¢; Channels and Tees, 3.2¢.

Plate and Tank Iron.—There has been considerable activity in this department also, chiefly in the connection mentioned above. It is notable, however, that prices have not been maintained, and some orders have been taken at unusually low rates. One lot of ship plates (about 700 tons) was taken at fully \$3 per ton below the market, and buyers are all looking for similar concessions. Manufacturers are now so well supplied with work, however, that it is thought prices will stiffen up again. In addition to the sales of ship plate, there has been an active demand for the higher qualities of iron, and sales of 400 tons of Flange Iron are reported at \$5. The following may be regarded as fair average quotations at this date, viz.: Tank and Common Plate, 2.75¢ @ 2.87½¢; C. No. 1, 3.3¢; C. H. No. 1, 3.5¢; Flange Iron, 4.3¢ @ 5¢; Fire Box, 5.3¢ @ 6¢.

Sheet Iron.—Business keeps moderately active, and manufacturers are expecting a good trade up to the close of the year. They are accumulating stocks just now, but when the cold weather sets in it is thought there will be a renewal of the demand. Prices are steady and unchanged, and for small lots may be quoted as follows:

Common Sheet, No. 26 to 28	4.5¢
Common Sheet, No. 28 to 30	4.5¢
Common Sheet, No. 30 to 32	4.5¢
Best Refined 1/4¢ @ 1/2¢ advance on the above	
Best Sheet, No. 26 to 28	7.5¢
Best Sheet, No. 28 to 30	7.5¢
Best Sheet, No. 30 to 32	7.5¢
Common Red Plates, 3-16 to 10	3.5¢
Blue Annealed, 3-16 to 10	3.5¢
Best Sheet Galvanized, discount	30¢
Second quality, discount	40¢

Bar Iron.—There is very little change to note in this department, and the general report from manufacturers is of an unsatisfactory character. The demand is moderately active, but prices show scarcely any improvement, although cost of production will be nearly a tenth higher, based on the advance in material. Some good-sized orders have been placed during the week, and the mills are likely to have all the work they can manage. The largest consumers are known to have more orders on their books than at any previous time. Some of the biggest concerns are full to their utmost capacity for six or eight months to come, and all are pushed for early deliveries. Under these circumstances it might reasonably be supposed that there would be some improvement in the price of Bars, but there is no sign of it at present. One reason for this, probably, is owing to the dullness in the Pittsburgh market, and the fear of competition from that quarter. In this connection we venture to refer to a statement which appeared in a highly respectable, and usually very accurate, Pittsburgh daily. A special correspondent from Philadelphia, under date of November 6, writes in most glowing terms in regard to the iron trade here. "The Bar trade," he says, "is active at 2.3¢, with transactions to the extent of 3000 tons at that price in one office," &c. Neither manufacturers nor brokers can agree with such a statement; 2.3¢ is about all that can be got for a decent sized order, and 2.4¢ is merely a nominal figure. With prospects of such a heavy demand, however, it is hoped that 2.4¢ will soon be an actual selling rate, but it can scarcely be considered so at present.

Steel Rails.—We have not heard of any new business during the past week, and prices may be considered unchanged. There is plenty of business to be had, but for the present manufacturers prefer to run off what they have on hand, rather than enter into new engagements. "It is quite evident that there will be more work than can be done at home, so that there is little anxiety in regard to the future. About \$60, at mill, may be considered a fair average quotation, but it is not certain that orders would be taken, unless for distant delivery.

Iron Rails.—There are further inquiries for new Rails, but we have not heard of any actual sales during the past week. Manufacturers are firm, and present indications favor higher prices in the near future. The advance in the English market is equal to \$1 to \$1.50 per ton, and the higher cost of material is quite likely to cause a similar appreciation on this side. About \$46.50, at mill, may be considered an inside figure for standard Rails, and it is not likely that concessions could be obtained. Light Rails command \$48 @ \$52, according to pattern; market firm.

Railway Supplies.—Are in fair demand, and sales at the following quotations; for large lots prices possibly shaded a little: Spikes, \$2.75; Fish Plates and Splice Bars steady at 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢; Track Bolts, \$3.75 @ \$4.50, according to specification.

Old Rails.—The market is feverish and unsettled, but prices have an upward tendency. Holders, in many cases, ask a further advance of \$1 per ton, but this has not been met except for small lots. Buyers find it increasingly difficult to place orders, and

for the present holders appear to command the market. Several transactions are reported at \$26 @ \$26.50 for Flange Rails, but \$27 @ \$27.50 is now asked, and it is almost certain that buyers will have to advance their bids before they can place their orders. Double heads are very scarce and held at \$28.50 @ \$29; we hear to-day of \$29 bid for 200 tons, but the holder declined to break the lot.

Scrap Iron.—The demand is very active and higher prices are asked, and, in some recent transactions, have been realized. Machinery Scrap is worth about \$20; Wrought at \$27 @ \$30, according to quality. Sales to-day of 250 tons at \$30 for a choice lot.

PITTSBURGH.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 9, 1880.

Since the excitement incident to the election has subsided confidence is restored, and as river navigation has been resumed, there is a much better feeling in business circles. In fact, there has already been a perceptible improvement, and the opinion prevails that it will be maintained until the close of the year. For two or three months prior to the election, business here in nearly all branches of manufacturing was very much curtailed, large orders having been held back to await the result, but, as already stated, there has been increased demand, orders having commenced to come forward again, and a much better feeling prevails in consequence. Railroads and steamboats have all the business they can possibly do, and it is difficult, owing to the pressure upon them, to obtain speedy transportation. The outlook is, in many important particulars, much more encouraging than it was at this time last year. Then it was largely speculative; now it is healthy and legitimate, as the business is being done by manufacturers, jobbers and consumers.

Pig Iron.—It was very generally believed that there would be an increased movement after the election, but it has come sooner than expected. As soon as the result was ascertained some large operations were effected, chiefly in Bessemer, and the indications are that there will be considerable activity in Forge and Foundry grades within the next week or two. While, as yet, there has been no quotable advance, a firmer feeling appears to have been developed. That some consumers are apprehensive of higher prices is evident from the fact that they are anxious to anticipate future wants at current rates. However, it is not generally expected that there will be a considerable, if any, advance. The trade generally is opposed to anything like a "boom," realizing that it would be productive of a good deal more harm than good. While it is true that at ruling prices those furnaces enjoying the greatest advantages have but a small margin for profit, it is well to bear in mind that the raw article is higher relatively than the products. The products of the former, too, is larger and increasing, and there is a large stock of imported iron in bond, to be disposed of in some way. Forge Irons may be quoted as follows: Cold-short, \$20 @ \$21, 4 mos.; Neutral, \$22 @ \$23; Red-short cinder mixture, \$23 @ \$24; all Ore do., \$25 @ \$26; Bessemer, \$26 @ \$27. Sales of some 10,000 to 11,000 tons Bessemer were effected during the latter part of last week, and while the price was private, it is understood to have been somewhere about \$26, delivered in Pittsburgh. The iron was sold by furnaces out in the valleys. Foundry grades are still quoted at \$23 @ \$26 for No. 2 and 1. Eastern Cold-Blast Charcoal, \$38 @ \$40.

Manufactured Iron.—A much better and more confident feeling prevails, and a steady business is looked for from now on until the close of the year. We are cognizant of some pretty good-sized orders having been placed within the past few days, and while the market is firmer in tone, prices are no better. Merchant Bars may be fairly quoted at 2.15¢ @ 2.25¢ rates, 60 days, 2¢ off for cash. Sheet Iron, 3.75¢ @ 3.85¢ for No. 24; Skelp, 2.25¢ @ 2.35¢; Plate, 3¢, and Tank 3.25¢. Those mills making the latter are all oversold, and it is firm at quotation.

Nails.—The Nail trade continues dull, as it nearly always is at this season of the year, and it is not to be supposed that there will be any decided change for the better until the spring trade opens up. Prices continue weak and irregular. They may be quoted at \$2.60 @ \$2.65, 60 days, 2 per cent. off for cash, with an abatement of 10¢ per keg on carload lots. Some of the factories are still running, but they are either piling up or filling old contracts, as there are but very few fresh orders coming forward. The Nail trade has been the most unsatisfactory part of the iron business for several years past, a fact which must be solely attributed to overproduction. There are entirely too many machines.

Steel.—The situation as regards this most important interest remains about as noted in our report last week. While there is no particular rush of orders, the mills generally appear to be busy, and prices are reported steady. Refined Steel of best quality, 11¢ @ 12¢ per lb., according to size of order; Crucible Machinery ditto, 6½¢ @ 7¢; Bessemer and Open-hearth ditto, 5¢ @ 5½¢; Bessemer and Open-hearth Spring and Plow ditto, 4¢ @ 4½¢.

Wrought Iron Pipe.—There appears to be no abatement in the demand, which has been active since the close of the summer, all the mills in the country being as busy as they can be, and are unable to catch up with their orders. Prices are unchanged at 60¢ @ 65¢ discount on regular list; Boiler Tubes at 40¢ off; Oil Well Tubing, 21¢ per foot, net; ditto Casing, 70¢, net.

Muck Bar.—In the absence of sales Muck Bar may be quoted nominally at \$38 @ \$40. Very little has been sold in this market.

Railway Supplies.—An increased business is expected, particularly for immediate deliveries. Railway Spikes are quoted at 2½¢ @ 2¾¢, 30 days; Splice Bars, 2.10¢ @ 2.25¢; Track Bolts, 3½¢ @ 4¢, the latter with hexagon and the former with square puts. Steel Rails are still quoted at \$60 @ \$65, according to time and point of delivery. It looks as if there were to be no let up in

the demand for some time to come; hence the outlook in this important American interest is very encouraging.

Scrap.—While the feeling is better, as an increased business is expected within the next week or two, the market at present is quiet and prices remain about as last quoted: No. 1 Wrought Scrap, \$25 @ \$27 net ton; the latter for selected railroad; Old Car Springs and Car Axles, \$34 @ \$36, net; Cast Scrap, \$15 @ \$16 gross ton; Old Car Wheels, \$28 @ \$34 gross ton; Old Iron Rails, \$23 @ \$30 gross ton.

Window Glass.—There is a very fair business for the season, and some of the factories are likely to have about all they can do until the close of the year in working up former contracts. No change in card or discounts is reported.

Coke.—Business in Coke is more active, the resumption of river navigation having had a most beneficial effect; rail transportation is also more easily obtained, and large shipments are being made in all directions. About 1,500,000 bushels were shipped to points down the river on the recent freshet. The better feeling as regards pig iron has also had a good effect, and prices are firmer, with a tendency to go higher, although an advance is not expected. We now quote at \$1.50 net ton, delivered free on cars at ovens for round lots, and \$1.65 @ \$1.75 for small foundry orders.

Coal.—The shipments by river on the freshest last week reached in round numbers about 8,000,000 bushels, the great proportion of which was consigned to Cincinnati and Louisville. The most of this Coal has already reached its destination, and in a day or two the fleet will be getting back home with tows of empty barges, which, after being distributed, will cause a general resumption of mining in the Monongahela Valley. The price for mining remains unchanged, 3½¢. The railroad operators still have all they can do, and the indications are that there will be an active demand all winter. Pittsburgh Coal is finding its way into new markets every year, supplanting other Coals in consequence of its superior quality.

Petroleum.—The crude oil remains much the same as noted in our last report. While there is a continued fair degree of activity, there is no improvement to note in price. The production continues large; the visible supply is still steadily increasing, with no apparent abatement in development; hence prices continue unremunerative. Only a small percentage of the wells are more than paying actual expenses. During the week under review united certificates have sold at 95 to 90, and immediate shipment at 20¢ additional. In regard to Refined there is not a single new feature to report.

CHATTANOOGA.

Office of The Iron Age, Market and 8th Sts.,
Chattanooga, Nov. 8, 1880.

All kinds of material here show a stiffer market. Nails excepted, since the election. The isolated position of the district and the increase of local consumption have combined to keep prices rather steadier than they have shown in the Eastern and Northern markets. The fluctuations during the fall months have been trifling. In crude material there has been a general scarcity of most kinds for several weeks, and prices have ruled stronger than those for finished articles. The weather has been cool and dry, the week ending cold, with rough storms of wind and rain. The streams continue low, and this is a serious drawback on trade in heavy articles.

Pig Iron.—Pig is scarce, especially Foundry grades. There is practically no No. 1 Foundry in the district. The furnaces are all sold ahead on that grade, and will not be able to supply general dealers with any for several weeks. The latter are several weeks behind orders for this grade. Other grades are in only fair supply. We quote same as last report, though No. 1 Foundry would command a small advance on outside figures. No. 1 Foundry, \$25 @ \$27; No. 2 Foundry, \$23 @ \$25; Gray Forge, \$20 @ \$22; White and Mottled, \$18 @ \$20; Car Wheel Metal, \$40 @ \$45.

Miscellaneous Articles.—Old Rails are fairly plenty and rates rather better maintained than for some time past. We continue to quote at \$22 @ \$26; Wrought Scrap, \$20 @ \$24; Cast, \$15 @ \$17; Old Wheels, \$28 @ \$30.

Ores.—We quote: 50¢ Brown Hematite, per ton, \$2 @ \$2.75; Red Fossil, \$2 @ \$2.25.

Nails.—Have weakened since our last report. We quote them at \$3.10 rates, a reduction of 15¢; usual discount on 200-keg lots and for cash.

Manufactured Iron.—Pittsburgh is quietly cutting the local card rate and selling at about \$2.10 rates, for large lots at mills, for best Refined Bar. Birmingham, Ala., continues to sell to Nashville and to leading Southern points from 10¢ to 30¢ below their quotations to general dealers in this market. Our dealers, as a rule, realize quotations. We quote: Bar, weak at \$2.40 rates; Railroad Spikes, \$3; Track Bolts, \$4; Trestle Bolts, \$4.50; Fish Plate, \$2.50. Bar is stiff at quotation.

Coal.—We quote run of mine at \$1.65 @ \$1.75 at mills; Lump, 12¢ @ 15¢, at yard.

Coke.—Furnace Coke, \$3 per ton at furnace; Foundry, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel.

Steel and Iron Rails.—The stiffening in the Eastern markets has helped here slightly. The mills have plenty of work in hand. We quote Steel at \$62.50 for American makes, \$60 for foreign. Iron, \$48 @ \$50; Small T is firm at \$55.

Lead.—We quote: Pig Lead, 4½¢ @ 5¢. Steel.—Flow Slabs, 3 in. and under, \$4.70; Black Diamond, ordinary sizes, 13¢.

CLEVELAND.

NOVEMBER 9.—The demand for metal has been only fair for the past week, though prices are firmer. The sales of Bessemer metal during the past 10 days have been on a large scale, but at prices much lower than the trade generally thought would be accepted; \$23.75 @ \$24, cash, at, furnaces in the valleys seems to have been the basis of

the Bessemer metal contracts. The Bessemer Steel works have no reason to complain of the margin of profit, while to the writer's positive knowledge there is a loss of \$1 @ \$2 ½ ton to the makers of the Pig Iron at prices named. It is but fair to state that many of the producers of both Bessemer and Foundry Irons are not accepting such ruinous prices, and are firm in the belief of better prices within a short time.

BOSTON.

NOVEMBER 6.—The market for raw Irons is characterized by firm prices and a steady feeling on the part of holders, but the inquiry is still moderate. We quote American Pig Iron at \$25 @ \$26 for No. 1 X; \$20.50 @ \$21.50 for No. 2 X, and \$19 @ \$20.50 for Gray Forge. These prices are f. o. b. at the port of shipment. Small spot lots will command \$2 per ton higher. Freight on Pig Iron from New York to Boston are \$1.50 per ton. Foreign Pig is firm and in fair demand at \$21 @ \$22 for Eglinton; \$22 @ \$23 for Glengarnock and Gartsherrie, \$24 @ \$25 for Coltness and Langloan, and \$18 @ \$19 for Midleborough. Old Rails are firmer, and holders are generally indisposed to sell at the prices previously ruling. We quote American at \$29 @ \$30, and Foreign at \$25.50 @ \$27.50. Manufactured Iron is in moderate demand at unchanged prices from the stores. We quote Bars at \$23.50 for Best Refined, and \$22.50 for Common. We quote Norway and Swedish Iron at \$4.15 for Bars and \$5.15 for Shapes; Nails at \$3 @ \$3.15 per keg. Plates at 3¢ for Tank, 3½¢ for C. No. 1, 3½¢ for C. H. No. 1 Shell, and 4½¢ @ 5¢ for C. H. No. 1 Flange. Copper has ruled quiet and unchanged. Ingot closes quiet and steady at 18½¢ @ 19¢ for Lake, and 18½¢ @ 19¢ for Baltimore. A moderate jobbing trade prevails at 10¢ @ 20¢ for Lake and 18½¢ @ 19¢ for other brands. There has been no change in the combination prices of Manufactured Copper. We quote: New Sheathing Copper, 26¢; Braziers, 28¢, and Bolts, 28¢; Bottoms, 31¢; American Yellow Sheathing Metal, 17¢ @ 18¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 20¢, and English Yellow Metal Sheathing, 14¢, in bond. Lead is quiet and unchanged, and round lots are obtainable at \$4.85 per cwt., and small parcels at 5¢ @ 5½¢. The prices of manufactures are unchanged, as follows: Bar, 6½¢; Pipe, 6½¢; Sheet, 7¢; Tin-lined Pipe, 15¢; Tin Pipe, 40¢; all less 10¢ to the trade. No. 1 Solder, 11½¢. Spelter continues slow of sale, and we quote 5¢ for Western, and 4½¢ for Refined. Retail zinc is quiet at 7½¢ @ 7½¢. Tin is firmly held at 20¢ for Straits, and holders are very confident in regard to the future. The demand, however, is moderate. Tin Plates also show symptoms of improvement, but we continue to quote: Charcoal Bright at \$6.25 @ \$6.50, and Ternes at \$5.37½ @ \$5.50. Coke Tin at \$5 @ \$5.12½, and Ternes at \$4.87½ @ \$5.—Commercial Bulletin.

CINCINNATI.

NOVEMBER 8.—Pig Iron.—The expectation on the part of some persons that there would be an increased demand, and that prices would be higher, has not been realized. The comparative small demand, and the strong desire upon the part of some owners to realize on their stocks, has led to a decline in the prices of some kinds. This is considered to be but temporary, as the pressing stocks are supposed to be the lingerings from last year and this year's purchases by inexperienced speculators. Sales during the past week were about as follows:

No. 1 Hanging Rock Charcoal Foundry	4 mos.
No. 2 Hanging Rock Charcoal Foundry	\$27.00 @
Hanging Rock Cold-Blast Charcoal	\$6.00 @
Car Wheel	40.00 @
No. 1 Hanging Rock Coke Foundry	\$5.00 @ \$6.00
No. 1 Hanging Rock Stonecoal Foundry	
dry	\$3.00 @ \$4.00
No. 1 Hanging Rock Silver Gray	\$2.00 @ \$2.50
No. 2 Hanging Rock Silver Gray	\$2.00 @
No. 1 Hanging Rock Forge Iron	\$2.00 @
Stonecoal Iron	\$1.50 @

Manufactured Iron.—Sales confined mostly to Refined and best C. G. kinds at \$2.25, card rate, with liberal orders.

LOUISVILLE.

Messrs. Geo. H. Hull & Co., Commission Merchants, report to us as follows, under date of November 5: Several large sales have been booked for iron during the last week, but the market is without change in prices. Most furnaces South are sold ahead, and have no stock on hand. The market is in a favorable condition for an advance, should purchasers come into the market to any considerable extent soon. Most manufacturers, however, are well supplied, and there is nothing to bring this extra demand soon unless buyers should anticipate an advance. We quote for cash:

No. 1 Hanging Rock, Charcoal	\$27.00 @ \$28.00
No. 2 Hanging Rock, Charcoal	\$26.00 @ \$27.00
No. 1 Southern, Charcoal	\$24.00 @ \$25.00
No. 2 Hanging Rock, Stonecoal	\$23.00 @ \$24.00
No. 1 Hanging Rock, Stonecoal and Coke	\$24.00 @ \$25.00
No. 2 Hanging Rock, Stonecoal and Coke	\$23.00 @ \$24.00
No. 1 Southern, Stonecoal and Coke	\$24.00 @ \$25.00
No. 2 Southern, Stonecoal and Coke	\$23.00 @ \$24.00
American Scotch	\$23.00 @ \$24.00
Silver Gray	\$22.00 @ \$23.00
Scotch	\$21.00 @ \$22.00

No. 1 Stonecoal and Coke, Cold-short and Neutral	\$21.00 @ \$21.50
No. 2 Stonecoal and Coke, Cold-short and Neutral	\$20.50 @ \$21.00
No. 1 Missouri and Indiana Red-short	\$20.00 @ \$21.00
White and Mottled, Cold-short and Neutral	\$18.00 @ \$19.00

CAR WHEELS AND MALLEABLE IRONS.

ST. LOUIS.

We learn that the Oregon Improvement Company, which is wholly distinct from the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, has arranged with John Roach for two cotton iron steamers, to be employed as carriers on the West Coast. The coal deposits are in Washington Territory, and the supply is very large.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Mason Machine Company, of Taunton, employ at present over 750 men. Besides their constant and extensive manufacture of locomotives and all kinds of cotton machinery, they are turning out every day one of the now famous Campbell printing presses.

Reed & Barton, the well-known silver and plated-ware manufacturers, of Taunton, are just completing two large additions to their already immense manufactory—one 40 x 152, four stories high, and the other 70 x 38, three stories, both of brick and with French roofs. This company now employ over 600 hands.

The Porter Needle Company, of Watertown, with a capital of \$100,000, and the Knott Refrigerator Company, of Boston, with a capital of \$300,000, have been chartered.

The Taunton Iron Works are employing 100 men, and are making 200 stoves and ranges per week, besides hollow-ware of various kinds.

The Weir Stove Company, of Taunton, are making 135 stoves per week, and give employment to 45 men.

The United States Circuit Court of Massachusetts has enjoined, *pendente lite*, the B. D. Washburn Mfg. Co., from continuing an alleged infringement of Shield's patent for a steel spring wire blind fastener, unless the defendants file bond for \$5000 for damages and costs, and meanwhile keep a correct record for purposes of accounting.

NEW YORK.

Messrs. Nye & Co. are building for their tenants, Messrs. L. M. Woodcock & Co., founders and machinists, an addition which will nearly double the size of the shop.

The various parties in the field with electric lights maintain a sharp rivalry, and are gradually adding to their business in supplying the rising demand. The United States Electric Lighting Company, in which Mr. Hyde, of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, and Mr. Hartley, of the firm of Hartley & Graham, are particularly active just now, claim a full share of public attention. They have bought all the patents of Prof. Farmer, who has given much attention to illuminating by electricity for several years past, and are now enlarging their establishment on Sixth Avenue and Twenty-Fifth street, in order to meet the demands upon them. They report that the orders already accumulated will engage their force for several months to come. Some half-dozen residences up town are being fitted with the electric light, besides a number of mills, foundries, &c. It is stated that the company use both the voltaic arc and incandescent systems, confining themselves to no particular patents. Prof. Farmer lighted his residence at Salem, Mass., with electricity as long ago as 1859. He used the incandescent light, subdividing the current, and worked with a battery and automatic regulator. From that time until now he has been perfecting the system, but has not pushed his inventions on the market. Associated with him are several well-known inventors.

Mr. W. H. H. Gere, of Syracuse, president of the Gere Iron and Mining Company, whose charcoal blast furnaces are located at Port Leyden, Lewis County, writing to the *Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association*, says: "We fired one of our furnaces—the Gracie—on the 14th of October. With the enlargement of the furnace to 10 feet bosh and 50 feet in height, we hope to so increase the product as to equal the most approved charcoal furnaces. We shall have the Fanny ready in about 60 days." These furnaces were formerly the property of the Black River Iron and Mining Company.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At present there are about 500 hands employed at Cramp's ship yards on the Delaware, a number that will soon be increased daily to meet the demands of new work already ordered or expected. The contract was signed on Monday last for a large iron propeller steamship for John Dallett & Co., extensive shipowners of this city, to be built according to the regulations of the English Lloyds, and to be ready for service in about six months. She will be 250 feet long, 35 feet beam, and 21 feet deep, have a carrying capacity of 1800 tons, and be furnished with compound surface-condensing engines, to be built by Messrs. Cramp. An iron propeller passenger boat, 125 feet long, 20 feet beam, and 9 feet depth of hold, similar to the Gratitude, now plying on the Delaware, and intended for similar service or for use in Southern waters, is under way, and rapidly approaching completion. Two new boilers, 12 feet 6 inches in diameter and 17 feet long, capable of being fired at both ends, for the steamship *Vaderland*, of the Red Star line, have just been finished, and will be put aboard that vessel on her arrival. These boilers have shells 1 inch in thickness, are the heaviest built in this country for the service, and have been tested to 150 pounds water pressure. Two new boilers, 11 feet long and 11 feet diameter, with shells 13-16ths thick, have just been built and placed in the new steamer *Delaware*, of Clyde's line.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mellert Foundry and Machine Company, Limited, of Reading, held at their office on the 6th inst., Messrs. Wm. H. Ainey, George Burke, Isaac Fegley, Henry S. Eckert, H. K. Hartzell, Arnold Mellert and D. P. Wanner were re-elected managers for the ensuing year. The board then re-organized, re-electing Mr. Ainey as chairman, Mr. Wanner as secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Mellert superintendent. The works have been kept busy during the past year on cast-iron gas and water-pipes, retorts, car castings, turbine water-wheels, machinery, &c., and the prospects of the business for next year are considered extremely good.

The *Pottstown Ledger* says: On Sunday morning, the 31st inst., the Warwick Iron Company's furnace went out of blast again, this being the seventh time since the lighting of the furnace on the 19th of April, 1876. On Saturday afternoon the pipes began to choke up with cinder, which could not be forced back by the blast, and at 5 o'clock on the following morning the blast

was withdrawn and hopes of saving the furnace given up. Mr. P. L. Weimer gave it as his opinion that relighting can be done with comparatively little expense. The news of the chilling of the furnace was quite a surprise, as, after considerable repairs, it was supposed to be working all right. The furnace has been in charge of Mr. Edgar S. Cooke since December 27th, 1877, when it made the remarkable run of 750 days, making 33,000 tons of pig metal in that time.

The new rolling mill of Kimberly, Carnes & Co., in Greenville, built on the site of the one burned, will soon be ready for operation. It will be far superior to the old one, many improvements being added, and will have 20 puddling furnaces and 4 heating furnaces.

At Sharon, both mills and nail factories are now running full time, with numerous orders ahead.

The Crystal Palace Stove Foundry, of Bridgewater, has been sold to Mr. Haney, of Allegheny City. Jacob Anderson, Jr., will be the manager of the works in the future.

The coal product of the Schuylkill region for the week ending October 23d, was 175,621 tons, as against 174,772 tons for the corresponding week of last year. The total product for the week was 639,870 tons, against 607,832 tons for the same week of last year, an increase of 29,038 tons. The output for the year so far is 18,540,744 tons, against 21,233,841 tons for the corresponding period of last year, a decrease of 2,693,100 tons.

At Hartman's plumbago works, Chester Springs, a furnace is to be built which is to be 30 feet long and 8 feet wide, in the middle of which will be a large boiler. It will require about 10 tons of castings to build this furnace, 6 tons of which have already been delivered. The mill will soon be in readiness for operation.

The Colebrookdale Iron Works, Breuninger & Co., proprietors, continue to manufacture large quantities of sad irons. Nearly a car load was forwarded last week to Texas and California. In addition 22 casks and one box were consigned to Mobile, Ala., and 18 casks to Boston, Mass.

John W. Eckman, of Port Kennedy, commenced on Wednesday morning the shipment of 800 tons of pig iron, which had been held under orders contingent on the result of the election.

The Glenden Iron Company's No. 1 furnace has been blown out for repairs.

The new No. 3 furnace of the Crane Iron Works, at Catasauque, was lighted on the 30th ult. This is one of the furnaces which has been in course of construction the past year, and furnished with every modern improvement. It is cylindrical, without the massive stonework of its predecessor; 60 feet in height and 16 feet bosh; the blast being supplied by three modern Whitwell stoves, each 18 x 60 feet, draft for which is furnished by the stack, 180 feet high.

During the month of October, there were manufactured at the nail works of E. & G. Brooke Iron Company, 18,120 kegs of "anchor" brand nails. For the same period last year the firm sold 17,400 kegs of nails. The markets for this immense product were found principally in New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Galveston. In the month of September the amount of nails turned out was somewhat in excess of the figures for October. This, however, is accounted for by several stoppages for repairs.

Messrs. Grinder, Springer & Co., of the Roysford Iron Foundry, have commenced the manufacture of stoves and hollow-ware, and are now running with 27 hands, having commenced in March last with nine. They have orders now on hand that will keep them busy until after the holidays, and are constantly receiving more.

The Simmons Hardware Company, of St. Louis, one of the largest establishments of the kind in the country, have just sent to Mr. C. F. Wolfertz, of Reading, an order for 2500 dozen pocket knives. The order sent by the Simmons Company on the 10th of August for 700 dozen knives has not yet been filled. When this last order is filled Mr. Wolfertz will have made for this firm 3550 dozen pocket knives. Mr. Wolfertz's cutlery works have never been run to such a capacity as now. Twenty-five hands are employed, who work thirteen hours per day, and a number of extra hands will be put on this week.

The stove works of Thomas, Roberts, Stevenson & Co., at Quakertown, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning the 2d inst. The loss is estimated at \$140,000; insurance, \$40,000.

The Bessemer Steel Works, at Bethlehem, during the week ending October 2d, with two converters, turned out 299 gross tons of Bessemer steel ingots.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Certain Wheeling nail manufacturers have been in Connellsville looking for a suitable site for the erection of a furnace and a nail mill. One of their number now owns the coal under the Buttermore Johnston tract, on Mounts Creek, in the township, and has contemplated the erection of a nail mill there ever since its purchase several years ago, the only thing in the way being the exorbitant figure asked for land on which to build the works. The Connellsville *Courier* thinks a works will soon be erected there.

The new Furnace "C" of the Edgar Thomson Steel Company, Limited, has been blown in.

Mr. H. L. Rankin has sold his eighth interest in the Mt. Bradlock Coke Works, in Fayette County, to Robert Hogsett for \$15,000.

Some Pittsburgh capitalists are talking of erecting a hoop iron mill at Leetonia, Columbiana County, Ohio.—*Exchange*.

The St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* prints the following: This from a boatman: Two 4-boiler boats run on the Monongahela, between Brownsville and Pittsburgh, and their fuel costs only \$30 per month. The explanation is this: They burn slack coal, and the mine owners, being prevented by law from dumping it in the river, prefer to put it on flat boats, instead of burning it. The steamers referred to each pay a man \$30 per month to take care of flats and the slack. This is one reason why steamers are operated

at a smaller expense on the Monongahela than they are at Vicksburg and New Orleans. There is a big difference between paying \$120 per day for fuel and \$30 per month.

OHIO.

Joel Hayden, who for so many years controlled the Haydenville (Conn.) Brass Works, has gone into a similar business at Elyria. A stock company has been formed under the name of the Hayden Company, and several men from the Haydenville Brass Works have gone to work for the new concern.

Lee Furnace, on Monday Creek, is averaging 210 tons per day.

Red plates for the new blooming mill at the steel works, Newburgh, are being cast at the blast furnace casting house. There will be 9 plates in all, averaging from 8 to 12 tons each.—*South Cleveland Advocate*.

Warwood's Rake Factory, Martin's Ferry, is running to its full capacity, crowded with orders.

The Columbus Rail Mill is working 10 blooming furnaces single and double turn.

The Standish Chain Works, of Cuyahoga Falls, are running to their fullest capacity. Forty new hands have been advertised for. Witman's Foundry, at Ironton, turns out 15 stoves a day.

Monitor Furnace, making car wheel iron, is making an average of 56 tons per week.

The electric light has been tried at the Buckeye Works, Akron, with splendid success.

Union Furnace is now making 13 tons cold-blast car wheel iron per day.

The N. Y. & O. I. & S. Co. are placing an annealing furnace in their mill. Lambert's foundry has constructed a huge flask, in which to cast the box weighing about 8000 pounds.—*Ironton Register*.

A 2-story 35 x 75 feet factory is being erected in Cleveland by the Chisholm Steel Shovel Works. This enlargement will double their capacity.

No. 2 furnace, of the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company, Youngstown, will shortly be blown out. No. 1, which is the largest furnace in the Mahoning Valley, is nearly completed.

Big Aetna shut down last Friday, for want of coke. It is probable that fuel will be received soon, and the furnace will blow in again about the 1st of December. They have some 600 or 700 tons of metal on hand.—*Ironton Register*.

The Revolving Scraper Company, of Columbus, after some delay, in consequence of pressing orders for their goods during the whole of this year, have succeeded finally in completing their new and splendid Columbus steel scraper. After much experience in the manufacture of road scrapers, and having attained a perfect knowledge of the wants of consumers of this class of implements, they have perfected an entirely new scraper, possessing the strongest points of merit, combining great strength and durability with lightness in both weight and draft. One of the most novel features of this implement is the fact that the bowl is made in one piece from a single sheet of steel, without a joint, seam or rivet, and being in the most practical shape for rapid and effective operation. There are in connection with this scraper no useless wood backs, stays, rods or braces to get out of order or break, as are employed in all other scrapers. This scraper being made entirely of steel, is very light, and having more cutting surface than any scraper heretofore in the market, will fill with much less draft than any other. Its corners being round, and having one continuous curve from the center up the sides and around the back, gives it greater strength and capacity than those heretofore introduced. Its surfaces, outside and inside, being very hard and smoothly finished, gives it the capacity of dumping and cleaning perfectly, thereby obviating the necessity of stopping to scrape or clean it even in very wet soil. These scrapers are made in three sizes, the capacity of each size, ranging from 3 to 7 feet of earth, being fully explained in a descriptive and illustrated circular recently issued by the company. The company inform us that their business has never been so good as it has been this year, and that they are obliged to run partly at night in order to keep up with orders. They also manufacture a full line of railroad, canal, stone, wharf, pig metal, mortar, garden and farm wheelbarrows, with the celebrated Jacobs wheel; and, also, railroad and other steel plows.

Recently the stove finishers at the works of W. C. Davis & Co., in Cincinnati, formed an association for the purpose of regulating the prices of stove finishing. At a more recent date, Messrs. Davis & Co., needing another hand in that department of their works, employed a mechanic who perfectly understood filing and machine work in general, but not being a regular stove finisher the men assembled together and demanded his discharge on this ground. In the absence of Mr. Davis the man was discharged, which would not have been the case had Mr. Davis been at home. What the result of this affair will be remains to be seen.

ILLINOIS.

The Excelsior Iron Works have a contract on hand for supplying 26 tubular boilers, each 5 feet in diameter and 26 feet long, to be constructed of Otis steel. They have also recently sold to the Union Pacific Railway two small hoisting engines and boilers. These engines are 8-inch bore and 12-inch stroke. They are also constructing several barbing machines for barbing fence wire for the Lyman Mfg. Co., and a 50-horse power boiler for F. Patzack, of Grand Crossing. The Excelsior Iron Works Company have recently added new tools and valuable machinery to their already extensive works, and are now employing 240 hands.—*Chicago Industrial World*.

The census return of manufactures at Rock Island shows 107 establishments, employing 1474 hands, and producing \$2,690,921. The wages paid last year were \$565,674.

The Duffy Tool Company, South Chicago, have recently added to their works considerable new machinery. They report business brisk, being two months behind their orders.

The Bottle Company, at Ottawa, by the introduction into their furnace of new pots of their own make, much larger than the originals made for them by the Window

Glass Works, have greatly increased the capacity of the works, and are now turning out about 70 gross per day instead of 50, as at first.

The movement for the establishment of a large plow factory in Elgin is meeting with considerable success. The committee appointed for the purpose of raising funds report the prospect very good.

The file factory at St. Charles, formerly owned by J. P. Doig & Co., has been sold to a stock company. New and approved machinery is to be added and every facility that increased capital will afford will be given to the institution, which at present employs about 20 hands.

The Smith and O'Leary Steam Hammer Forge Works, of Chicago, have started their steel casting annealing furnace. Its capacity is 5 tons per week.

The Chicago Car Axle Company, South Chicago, are building an addition of 120 x 50 feet to their steam forge works and adding new furnaces and machinery. A side track from the new Western Indiana Railroad is being built, to pass within a few feet of their works. In the manufacture of car axles, 10 tons of iron and 20 tons of coal are consumed per diem. They employ 75 hands and run their gangs day and night. The works cover 1½ acres.

The Centralia Nail and Iron Works, which have been idle for some time for the want of water, are now in full operation.

MICHIGAN.

The Wyandotte blast furnaces are now turning out 22 tons of ore daily.

Operations at the West Republic Mine, adjoining the world-famous Republic, have already developed a vein of excellent ore, 45 feet long by 5 feet in width, and the prospects for the subsequent development of a large mine on the property are indeed flattering. Republic bids fair to be, in the near future, the most active mining center on the peninsula.

MISSOURI.

We take the following from the *Age of Steel*, regarding the industries of St. Louis: William Ellison's Phoenix Iron Works are constantly kept full of work of a miscellaneous character. The Missouri Car and Foundry Company continue as busy as ever manufacturing different styles of freight cars. A very large number of workmen are employed both in the car shops and in the foundry. Helmbach's works are being run full time manufacturing merchant iron, railroad work, car axles, &c. Conrad Siebel's copper works are among the busiest places in town—probably the most busy. Geo. J. Fritz' Central Iron Works are being run full time on miscellaneous work. McDonald's rolling mill is being run full time manufacturing car axles. Messrs. Albert C. Trivett, Jr., and Wm. A. Rogers have withdrawn from the firm of E. L. Harper & Co., and opened a new pig iron commission house, under the style of Rogers & Trivett, at Nos. 8, 9 and 10 Wiggins' Block, St. Louis.

VIRGINIA.

There are now six furnaces in operation along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad west of Staunton: Buffalo Gap Furnace, making 11 tons per day; Grace Furnace, at Ferrol, making 15 tons per day; the Lucy Selina Furnace, at Longdale, making about 30 tons per day. (Another furnace at this point is in process of construction.) The Callie Furnace, near Williamson's, making 15 tons per day; Lowmoor, at Lowmoor, in Alleghany county, making 75 tons per day, to be soon increased to 100 tons; the Quinnimont Furnace, West Virginia, producing about 30 tons per day. These furnaces all use coke made in West Virginia. This is merely the beginning of the iron industry in this section.—*Valley Virginian*.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Top Mill, Wheeling, is on in all departments, except the furnaces, which will be blown in within the next fortnight. Large quantities of coke and ore are now arriving, and filling in will begin at once. The capacity of this furnace heretofore has been about 70 tons per day, but during the summer important changes and alterations have been made, and it is now expected there will be an increase of 25 per cent. per day, or 17 tons.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Bids for the iron work on the roof of the north wing of the new State, War and Navy Department Building, at Washington, were opened recently as follows: Dwight & Hoyt, Springfield, Mass., \$87,000; Phoenix Iron Company, Trenton, \$90,933; Bartlett, Haywood & Co., Baltimore, \$75,517; Passaic Rolling Mill Company, Paterson, N. J., \$78,645; J. B. & J. M. Cornell, New York City, \$72,130; Phoenix Iron Company, Philadelphia, \$81,334. The award has not yet been made.

TENNESSEE.

James C. Warner, John P. White, Percy Warner and J. P. Williams have incorporated themselves under the general incorporation law of Tennessee as "The Warner Iron Company." The gentlemen are all of Nashville and have large investments in Chattanooga, North Georgia and Middle Tennessee. They will at once erect a cold-blast charcoal furnace in Hickman County, designed to produce a high grade of metal from the fine brown hematite ores of that region.

An Electric Hammer.—Messrs. Siemens & Halske, the well-known German electricians, have brought out a novelty, the electric hammer. The device consists of three hollow coils of insulated wire, having a movable core or rod of soft iron which is free to move up and down under the axial attraction of the coils when a current circulates in them. The central coil is traversed by a constant current, which magnetizes the rod or hammer, and the two extreme coils are traversed by alternating currents from a dynamo-electric machine in such a manner that they alternately attract and repel the magnetic rod up and down so as to make it beat like a hammer. The range of blow is limited on one side by a spiral spring placed within an elastic cushion. Of course a very great rapidity of action can be given to the hammer, while the arrangement is apparently applicable to working a rock drill.

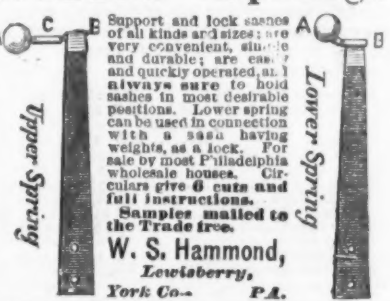
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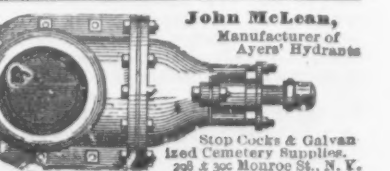
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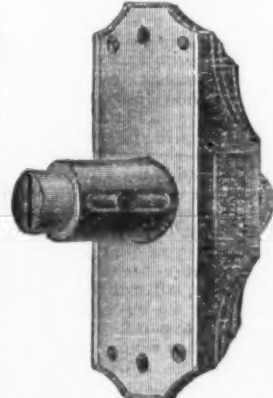
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their price list tells us that the sizes marked in bold face type are the sizes in use in their own shop. These sizes are: 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 35, 37, 40, 42, 45, 47, 50. Here a series of sizes approximating the English ones is adopted, but it is a series which must be memorized entire, as its advance is not by two or by three either, in regular sequence. We cannot question the wisdom of the men who have selected these shop sizes to meet their own wants; they rank too high as workmen, they know too much to challenge criticism. Doubtless, this scale of sizes is about the best they can do with the metric system; we would not tie ourselves to it. I could continue the list of practical difficulties until I had filled a volume. They run through the entire list of all that goes to make up the requirements of our profession, and show how unwise we would be to change, if we could do so, for the sake of harmony with Europe. We have not adopted the Whitworth system of screws in America, and yet, by so doing, we would place ourselves in harmony with all Europe. We recognize objections to the system, and when those objections were clearly pointed out by Mr. William Sellers and he proposed a system free from the objections, his system was accepted by the committee of the Franklin Institute and then by many departments of our government. Had the metric system shown itself to be the perfect system it is claimed to be, it too would have been taken up more generally at a time when it was easier to have done so than now.

There is an irreconcilable discord between the inch and the divisions of the meter. The inch has become fixed to a greater extent in dollars and cents, in fitness and convenience, in this country than in Germany, and yet there, in some cases I have shown, it cannot be given up. To keep our scale of sizes and use French dimension sizes would "furnish a precious example of the simplicity of the decimal system." I was a signer of the majority report of the Franklin Institute which opposed the compulsory adoption of the metric system. That report was prepared and written by the chairman, Mr. Wm. P. Tatham, since made president of the body which adopted it, as their view of the matter. Mr. Tatham is a man of culture and a hard student. His business as maker of lead pipes would have been less affected than that of almost any other manufacturer by the introduction of the metric system. He said, and I subscribed to the statement, that he believed that the ultimate benefits of the change proposed would be of less value than the damages during the transition. This was on the supposition view that ultimately some would be benefited. As an engineer I can see no possible good to come to American machinists from the change. Its introduction exclusively would not diminish his labor in any way; it would not cheapen his product, it would increase its cost. It is in fact, however, so impossible, in view of existing matters, and existing harmony in interchangeable matter, that should the metric standard be made the only legal standard in America to be used in buying or selling, the engineering establishments now in existence could not heed the law, but must perforce use their existing tools and gauges of precision, and continue to make material in conformity with existing matter.

The metric system was admitted here to an equal footing in point of law in 1866. It had not been legalized in any way when we, for good reasons, introduced it into our own workshop in Philadelphia, and I yet, at that time, we asked no one's permission to do what we pleased in the metrological management of our own business. We had a chance to try the system in making something which did not clash with existing merchant sizes; once having prefected an organization in this department we became fixed in its continuance. Precisely the same reasons why we cannot change our general system into the metric hold against our giving up the metric system in the department where it is in use.

If the change to the metric system will aid commerce, let the merchants do as we have done—try it. Commerce depends, in a large measure, on the possible output of our workshops. The engineer controlling the workshop, and who, to be successful, must be a merchant too, knows too well how he stands to give up a practically useful system more convenient to him after having tried both, for the sake of any fancied conformity with other countries. He can give up no vantage ground. His success in his life-battle, in these days of active competition, depends upon ways economies to enable him to prosper. He has no more reason to cripple himself with an inconvenient system of metrology than he has to give up a tariff of protection on his production in order to make it easier for the world to compete with him.

The mechanical engineer can accept nothing as true until he has demonstrated the truth by experiment; at least, in anything capable of being put to the test of experiment. It is in the power of any intelligent man to test the metric system as others have done. He will, I think, find that the savants who originated the scheme before mechanical engineering as it now exists was known as a profession, made the mistake of beginning at the wrong end, the big end of the scale, the size of the world, and by the time they had cut it up or down to human wants it came out less fitted to human requirements than if they had recognized in the beginning the needs of the beings who were to use it.

Our metrological reformers urge us to adopt a new system in place of our present one, a system that harmonizes in no way with anything we now use. This new system is practically based on a certain measure over 39 inches long. This is cut up into 1000 parts, and 100 of these parts cubed gives their primary vessel of measurement. The contents of this vessel in distilled water under certain conditions is their pound weight. Had the English yard of 36 inches been so treated it would have been as good a system, but no better. It would have been as inapplicable comfortably to our profession as is the metric. The wonderful extension of the metric system to time and infinite space was given up as impracticable long ago, and we are now asked to bear the shock

of a mighty change to use this inconvenient system, this unhandy system of ten, for the sake of uniformity with some other peoples of the world.

In conclusion, when we take into consideration the enormous interests involved in manufacturing in America; if it is, as we think, unwise to tamper with the metrology of our workshops, the question may well be raised as to the wisdom of enforcing the metric system in trade generally. The practical mind of Americans has already dispensed with much useless stuff, coming to us with our old metrology; is it not better to continue to amend what we have, to encourage the uniformity so desirable, rather than to attempt to make all things new, but in no respect practically better, at so frightful a cost?

After a brief discussion, which was ordered to be resumed, the society adjourned, to reassemble at 8 o'clock p. m.

Thursday Evening Session.

On reassembling, the president announced that the vacancy in the office of secretary had been filled by the council, and Mr. T. W. Rae, 239 Broadway, had been appointed for one year.

The annual address from the Chair, which had been postponed until evening, was then read. We regret that we can only give an abstract of it:

PRESIDENT THURSTON'S ADDRESS.

After acknowledging the honor conferred by the society upon himself by his selection as their first president, and expressing his appreciation of the compliment and his gratitude for such distinction, the speaker proceeded as follows:

This society has been founded by members of the profession of engineering, who felt that there has long existed a necessity for an organization composed of men directly or indirectly connected with the work of mechanical construction. There had previously existed no society in which the work of the mechanical—or, as one of our honored vice-presidents has proposed to call him, the dynamical—engineer could receive special consideration.

Hundreds of engineers are engaged throughout this country in the work of designing and constructing machinery who have felt the need of opportunities to meet socially to compare their own ideas with those of their professional brethren, and who have desired to place before others in the business their plans, their discoveries, or the results of their researches.

Several of these gentlemen finally determined to make the attempt to effect an organization which should be composed of mechanical engineers, of those who are interested in mechanical matters and of others engaged in kindred pursuits.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The objects to be attained by this society, if the wishes and expectations of its founders are carried out, are the promotion of "the arts and sciences connected with engineering and mechanical construction," by the establishment of regular meetings to be attended by members of the engineering profession, and by those whose interests and pursuits lead them to associate themselves with us, at which meetings professional papers are to be discussed, and such other means of mutual instruction and entertainment are to be adopted as may be deemed best fitted to secure these objects.

It is further proposed to publish and to circulate among the members of the society such papers as shall be considered of sufficient value to justify publication.

It is hoped that, ultimately, this society may become useful to its members by glancing from among the great mass of technical literature, which is every day becoming more extensive and more cumbersome both at home and abroad, such papers, wherever published, as shall have real value to the mechanical engineer, and presenting them, either in full or by abstracts, to its own members, as has been done lately in a very satisfactory way by the British Institute of Civil Engineers.

The headquarters of the society should be to all its members an attractive resort socially, and occasional conversations will probably be found as useful, as they undoubtedly will be a pleasant, means of securing acquaintance and frequent intercourse among members.

The society will have much work to do as a union of citizens having important interests confided to them, and its province will lie no less in the field of social economy than in that which has reference only to the individual interests of its members.

Glancing back for a moment upon the past, and observing the progress in all branches of industry which has been the result of the efforts of our predecessors and of our professional colleagues, we cannot fail to be impressed with the magnitude of the interests which are entrusted to our charge, and with the importance of doing the work which we are in these stirring times called upon to do, in an honest, earnest spirit and with our utmost skill, and we shall be encouraged to press on hopefully and with unflinching courage.

Looking back upon our past history, we have seen the growth of our cotton manufactures, from the small beginnings of Samuel Slater, and his humble rivals, in a new England village, grow, until to-day many mills of 40,000 spindles each have been built, and the hum of their machinery and the clatter of their shuttles make music in the ears of 200,000 thrifty and happy working people. From absolute dependence upon Great Britain, we have grown to independence, and now, more than millions of spindles, and nearly a quarter of a million looms in our thousand mills supply Canada, South America, and even China annually with millions of dollars' worth of goods.

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As an illustration of the method in which advancement occurs, and as an example of the kind of work which remains for us to do; let us glance, very briefly, at the history of that greatest of modern triumphs of mechanism, the steam engine.

Away back, twenty centuries and more, in the dim past, among the first faint gleams of historic civilization, we see the germ of the invention which has done so much to

annihilate space, and give man illimitable power over all the forces and treasures of nature—a toy in the museum at Alexandria. A toy it remained many centuries, until, in the grand awakening of three centuries ago, its latent power was discovered, and Papin, and Worcester, and Liebnitz, and Huyghens each contributed a thought in the progress which they thus inaugurated. A hundred and fifty years ago, the "steam giant" was at work under the direction of the intelligent blacksmith and his comrade, the "tinker," doing much for the mining industry, but nothing elsewhere, and, hampered by ignorance, and ill-cared for by his masters, wasting a vast deal of now utilized power.

Then came forward a genius of the brightest intellect, a mechanic such as the world rarely produces—James Watt—and, adopting the truly philosophic method, the great master soon taught the mighty servant to do a thousand times more for the world, and to labor with wonderfully greater ease and economy. Watt first collected his facts. He dissected the model of the Newcomen and Calley engine, which had been placed in his hands for repair, ascertained the method of its operation, learned what were the advantages, and what the disadvantages, of that form of engine, discovered the cause and extent of its losses of power and efficiency, and once these were known, his grand intellect promptly devised remedies and improvements, and the steam engine of to-day is simply the steam engine of James Watt, in all its leading features and in all the principal details of design. Its steam-jacketed cylinder is Watt's; its parallel motion and its guides; its crank motion—although an invention usually ascribed to another—were invented by Watt, and the condensing apparatus, the expansion gear, the governor, and even that wonderful little instrument, the "indicator"—the engineer's stethoscope—all came down to us from the same source.

Watt learned the leading facts, and made the greatest modifications of plan, while it was reserved for our contemporaries to contribute the refinements of its design and of its manufacture, and to study the more deeply-hidden principles of its philosophy, and to determine more definite rules for its construction and management.

Those of you who have been familiar with the design and construction of steam engines during the past twenty or thirty years, and those of you who have been for a generation past accustomed to handle this miracle of art, will remember, as I remember well, how we learned at a very early period in our experience, certain cardinal points of practice which were very strongly impressed upon us. We soon learned by experience that efficiency was gained only as we learned to handle higher steam with properly adjusted expansion, to work our engines up to higher piston speeds, to cushion heavily when we had large clearance, to reduce that clearance to a minimum, to adjust the size of our engine to its work, and to determine the point of cut-off, under proper conditions otherwise, by the governor. We learned that the now well-known "American Automatic Cut-off Engine," with its high steam and moderately large expansion, as exemplified by the "Corliss Engine," which is now built all over the world, was the representative of best general practice.

But we were not satisfied. Twenty years ago we began to understand that we had yet to perfect the philosophy of the steam engine, and that it was still apparently far from perfect efficiency. We then discovered that while our best engines were consuming from 25 to 30 pounds of dry steam per horsepower per hour, the mechanical equivalent of the heat supplies to the steam in the boiler was sufficient to give about a horsepower per each 2 pounds of high-pressure steam per hour, and hence that we were utilizing but 1-10th or 1-15th of the heat we were paying for when we settled our coal bills.

Next, we found that, owing to the fact that we cannot practically expand down to a pressure lower than that due approximately to the temperature of surrounding bodies, we must therefore discharge heat unutilized, that the larger part of this waste is unavoidable, and that an engine, perfect mechanically and working within the maximum of usually practicable limits, must waste three-fourths, and can return useful effect from but one-fourth of the heat supplied, thus placing the practical limit under known conditions at about 8 or 10 pounds of steam per hour and per horsepower.

And here we stand to-day with the steam engine, mechanically almost perfect, yet with a theoretical economy of about 8 or 10 pounds of steam per horsepower per hour, while consuming actually, in the best examples, about 15, i. e., with an efficiency of 60 or 70 per cent.

In hot-air engines we are not making much more rapid progress, and our field of promise seems to be still in the improvement of the steam engine.

We are slowly learning other facts. We know that the great obstacle in the way of attaining nearly theoretical efficiency, is the transfer of heat from the steam to the exhaust side by initial condensation and re-evaporation; we are discovering that high speed and steam jacketing tend to lose their efficiency at extremely high pressure with wide ranges of expansion, that it seems possible to reach a point in steam-jacketed cylinders at which lower speed may tend to secure efficient working of the steam; that with well-jacketed cylinders we may get good performance, as we to-day judge it, with slow pistons; that we have better work claimed to-day for single than for "compound" engines by 10 or 15 per cent., the minimum yet reached under fair conditions for economy being stated to be by experiment as 1.54 is to 1.75, while, assuming the very best conditions for each, it seems cer-

*Report on Machinery and Manufactures at Vienna, 1873, by R. H. Thurston, &c., Wash., 1875.

†History of the Growth of the Steam Engine; International Series; N. Y., 1875, p. 472.

‡Abstracts of Papers, No. 1602; Proc. Brit. Inst. C. E. Vols. LIII, LIV. It would seem that where slow piston-speed is demanded, as usually with pumping engines, or where two cylinders are needed, as with marine engines, the "compound" engine is unmistakably best; while, where high-speed engines are permitted, as in mills, the single cylinder may still hold its own in this competition.

tain that both types should give about equally good results.

Here is where we stand to-day, and it is from this point that we are to work forward. We need to collect more facts by means of carefully devised experiments like those of Hirn and Hallauer abroad, and of Emery and of the Navy Department at home; we need careful and systematic study of the results, and finally the determination of the laws of steam engine efficiency as affected by steam pressure and temperature, rates of expansion and compression, character of steam jackets, rate of piston speed, and every other circumstance influencing economy.

This, and such as this, is work for some of us, and such work is to be done in every one of the many branches of industry which are here represented. And this, too, is a kind of work in which all can take part, fully confident that the good work shall benefit all and shall injure no one member of the human race.

PAPERS AND DISCUSSION.

Mr. A. L. Holley was next called upon to read a paper on "An Adaptation of Bessemer Plant to the Basic Process." Mr. Holley was received with hearty applause. It was his first appearance in any scientific society since his return from England, where, as most of our readers, and all of Mr. Holley's friends, will remember, he was very sick. He looks much better than his friends expected, but is not yet fully returned to health. His paper appears, with illustrations, on the first page of this issue.

In the discussion on Mr. Holley's paper a very high appreciation of his improvement was expressed, and it was generally regarded as solving the problem of the adaptation of the basic process to American practice, without sacrifice of product. Mr. Holley was asked, among other things, to what the difference between the productiveness of European and American plant was due. He replied that he had often considered this subject, and had reached the conclusion that it was due to two things about equally—better plant and better management.

Mr. J. C. Hoadley, of Lawrence, Mass., followed Mr. Holley with some remarks on the "Causes of Efficiency in the Compound Engine." His remarks were illustrated by a series of drawings. We are unable at this time to give even an abstract of Mr. Hoadley's remarks, which were based upon a purely theoretical study of the compound engine, and which we shall have opportunity of considering and discussing more intelligently hereafter than would be possible if depending entirely on what we can recall of his paper from imperfect notes. The discussion of Mr. Hoadley's paper was postponed until the following morning.

The last paper of the evening session was a short, but important, one by Mr. Chas. T. Porter, on "Strength in Machine Tools." We shall give it in our next issue.

Friday Morning Session.

On reassembling at 10 a. m., the Chair announced that the discussion of Mr. Hoadley's remarks on the compound engine was the first order of business. From the interest with which it was sustained, it promised to last until the end of the session. Messrs. Leavitt, Woodbury, Robinson, Sweet, Porter, Church, Worthington, Carpenter, Holloway, Emery, Weber and others took part. It was followed by a brief discussion on Mr. Porter's paper, chiefly by Mr. Sellers and Mr. Emery.

Mr. C. J. H. Woodbury next read a paper on "Friction and Lubrication," in which were given the results of a series of experiments with oils adapted to the lubrication of spindles. Mr. Woodbury is evidently a careful and accurate experimenter, and as his tests are to be extended to large bearings and heavy pressures, they will undoubtedly give very valuable results. The great value of Mr. Woodbury's work is that he tests oil and lubricants under conditions as nearly as possible identical with those which obtain in actual use. He has tested spindle lubricants with spindles in a frame under conditions as nearly as possible the same as those which exist in mills. Mr. Woodbury was highly complimented on his paper, from which we hope to quote in future issues.

Prof. S. W. Robinson followed Mr. Woodbury with two papers on the "Efficiency of the Crank" and "Cushioning in Steam Engines."

At this point Mr. Henry R. Worthington asked leave to offer a resolution. For the first time he found himself in the presence of a body which he considered competent to speak for the mechanical engineers of the country. He looked upon the utterances of those who, pretending to speak for the mechanical professions, had favored the legalizing of the metric system, as a gratuitous impertinence, and he should much like to hear an expression of the views of the meeting on this subject. His resolution as placed before the meeting was as follows:

Resolved, That this society deprecates any legislation tending to make the adoption of the metric system of measures obligatory in our industrial establishments; also,

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to communicate the sentiments of this resolution to all concerned in procuring such legislation, and also to send a copy to the Anti-Metric Society of Cleveland.

It was evident that the sympathy of the audience was strongly in favor of this resolution, and that a majority of those present were eager to give expression to their opposition to the metric system. There were differences of opinion, however, as to the best way of doing this, and it was finally decided that, as the resolution committed the society to an expression of views, it should be voted upon by a letter ballot. This was ordered, and the result of the ballot will probably be announced at the next meeting.

Mr. Reese read a paper on a new form of regenerative furnaces for metallurgical purposes, of which we shall speak in a subsequent issue.

Mr. Stetson read a short but valuable paper on standard screw threads, which gave rise to an interesting discussion, in which several gentlemen took part.

Prof. Sweet remarked that he thought when makers filled orders for taps from parties to whom the kind used made little difference, they would be doing a good work if they would only send the

flat-topped style. They would thus be spreading the use of the United States Standard. He said he had been much surprised recently when he ordered a set of taps, without specifying the United States Standard, to receive a common V-thread, and was obliged to send them back and order more particularly. It showed how great a proportion of the orders must be sent to the makers with no particular style indicated.

Mr. Stetson, in reply, said that he was afraid if his firm filled their orders with the flat-topped threads that they would soon have indignant letters, asking if they did not know better than to send "them things" for taps.

Mr. Forney, of the *Railroad Gazette*, spoke of the difficulty of accurately determining the standard thread. The consequence of this was that what were assumed to be the standards vary among themselves. The Master Car Builders' and Master Mechanics' Associations have both adopted the United States or Franklin Institute standard for all car and locomotive work. All railroad work, therefore, is nominally standard in the matter of bolts and nuts. But the difficulties of measurements, and the doubt as to what is the correct standard, still lead to trouble. As an illustration, a railroad, not long since, ordering some thousands of cars, specified that the bolts and nuts were to be of the Franklin Institute Standard. When the cars were delivered it was found that the nuts and bolts were not interchangeable with those already in use, except the larger nuts on the smaller bolts. Investigation showed that the works which built the cars had purchased new taps and dies, said to be standard, for that special work, but upon comparison it was found that these did not agree with certain other standards. An easy and accurate system of measurement, applicable to screw threads, was greatly needed, else we were likely to have some confusion, even when the screws were nominally all standard.

Mr. Rose said that he thought the differences which were to be found in threads could be accounted for more by the shrinking and changing of the tools from hardening than from wear; not only the form of the thread, but the angle of the pitch could easily be changed by the manner of hardening.

Prof. Eggleston made an inquiry in regard to some patented method, the specification of which he had hurriedly examined, by which the errors of the leading screw of a lathe could be corrected. He had seen the patent, but was unable to give any particulars. Several gentlemen spoke of methods of making corrections, one of which involved certain calculations in regard to recorded errors of the screw. Prof. Eggleston said that the patent referred to was quite simple. No one, however, was able to give the desired information.

Mr. Sellers said that in his own establishment they had found it cheapest to buy their taps and dies and not attempt the manufacture. He said that the original screws of the leading lathe makers of the country were much more nearly accurate than might be supposed, and were capable of doing very fair work. It was to be recommended that in shops where there were a number of lathes which were of about the proper size for tool making, leading screws for each should be cut, so as to give each one a screw that could do good work or relieve the tool lathe from the labor of doing everything of the kind to which its size adapted it. Mr. Sellers also made some remarks on the wastefulness of having iron over size, that the rolling mills were ready to furnish iron rolled to any desired size, and that there was less difficulty in obtaining the proper sizes than some persons supposed. They had only to ask for what they wanted in order to obtain it.

Mr. Porter's remarks were somewhat extended and very interesting. He spoke of the unaccountable features of the Whitworth system, and said that in his connection with that establishment some years ago he had an opportunity to learn something of the reason which caused the adoption of the very peculiar pitch and form of thread which had been selected. The angle of the thread, for example, which was 55 degrees, could not be originated, nor bisected, nor measured by any ordinary methods. It could not, in fact, be obtained except by long and difficult methods. It was adopted for this very reason, in order that the manufacturer of tools might remain entirely in the hands of the establishment. The angle when once lost could not be restored, or not without the greatest difficulty. It had, in fact, happened on one occasion that the angle was lost in Whitworth's own shop, and the fact was not known until attention was called to it by a customer. It was about a year before the angle was recovered and the work of the establishment put upon the original footing. In regard to the number of threads to the inch, the Franklin Institute Standard was superior to Whitworth's. This was especially the case with the half-inch bolt, the 12 threads of the Whitworth system unnecessarily weakening the bolt. This fact was admitted by men in Whitworth's own shop with whom the speaker had conversed upon the subject. In regard to standards for shop measurements it was hardly possible to take too much care. The shop standards should never be used for any work other than testing the gauges used in the shop. These in turn should be tested by a set of standards which never went into the shop, and only used for correction. Lastly, the originals, which should be most carefully guarded and only used for testing at intervals the last named standards. In this way only is it possible to keep the shop gauges accurate and the work up to the standards.

Other speakers took up the subject, and the importance of a single standard, the value of an easy, accurate method of measuring bolts, nuts, the thread angles and sizes and several other points were discussed briefly. The session closed by a paper from Mr. Allan Sterling upon "Economy in Steam Engines," the discussion being postponed until the evening session.

Friday Evening Session.

The evening session began with a discussion of Mr. Sterling's paper. It was opened by Mr. Hemenway, who said that we should

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not be surprised at the proposal to make an immense increase in our pressures, and use 20 atmospheres. We have already made a greater movement in this direction in the past. We began with less than 1, and have within a comparatively short time advanced from 1 or 1½ to 10 atmospheres. It should not, therefore, be a matter of surprise when we are asked to use 20. Our progress, so far, has been gradual, and has been made in the face of some difficulties. This slow progress has made some difference. In making the great advance which is now asked we are met by some difficulties, but we must study the problem.

The boiler advocated by Mr. Sterling appears at first sight to be a step in the wrong direction. It is a question whether we have not come to a point for a new departure. The circular form is a good one for strength, but the speaker indicated that he thought we had possibly reached a limit to its endurance, because, as we increased the size and the pressures, we found it grew weak and was a very bad form for staying. If the pressures go on increasing, the strength must be gained from the stays rather than from the shell. The speaker concluded by saying that while at first he did not approve of the plan, he was changing his mind. "I, for one," said he, "begin to think quite favorably of Mr. Sterling's proposed boiler."

Mr. Holley spoke of the value of fire-brick checkers and lighters for boilers, and said it was a wonder that they have not come into use. He had used these with great success in an English boiler some years ago. He also mentioned the value of surface condensers, by which pure water may be had for the boiler feed. Gas fuel should have been mentioned by Mr. Sterling. Mr. Holley then said a few words on the economy attending the use of gas, and said that coal, even under the best conditions, can hardly be burned under a boiler with the same degree of certainty and economy as is possible with gas. His remarks were both pertinent and interesting.

Prof. Egleston remarked that locomotives should be transformed in such a fashion that the fuel going into their fire-boxes should be hot. When this is done, not only would there be a vast economy, but there would be an end of the smoke, for it would be prevented from forming and there would be a complete combustion. Some figures were then given in a general way, showing how great a loss is entailed by the present method of coal burning, and the saving was indicated.

Mr. Forney spoke of the thousands of locomotives running in this country, and the vast smoke nuisance which they caused. So great was this that the daily papers of Chicago were devoting whole columns to the subject, and publishing articles of an ostensibly high scientific character concerning smoke protection. The public interest there had been aroused by the great nuisance caused by the locomotives on the numerous roads and the smoke from the factories. Railway superintendents are giving their attention to the subject, but they have in many cases found that it was cheaper to let the engines make the smoke than to run without. They are ready to take the matter up and build smoke burners if the work can be done cheaply. Mr. Forney said he was in correspondence with a gentleman connected with the Hungarian state railways, and had recently had an account from him of his experiments with fire-brick in the locomotive boiler. The first experiment was made by lining the fire-box with brick, so that the water legs did not at any point come in contact with the fire. The hot gases, after being thoroughly burned, were at once passed into the tubes. Although the heating surface was diminished by an amount nearly equal to the whole area of the fire-box plates, the efficiency of the boiler did not appear to be diminished in the least. It was, in fact, equal to the ordinary boilers used on the road. He then made a separate fire-box of brick, but found that the intense heat which he obtained destroyed the tubes at the ends next the tube-sheet. To remedy this he had been trying a variety of metals. Copper and brass both failed, but the best results had been obtained with iron tubes. The high temperature is very desirable, but the question to be solved is how to make the tubes stand the intense heat. Mr. Forney asked the question in regard to gas-producing furnaces for boilers. He can the gas be made to burn without a regenerator? Some attempts were mentioned where trouble was found in igniting the gas from a gas producer.

Mr. Gordon said that some years ago he made a fire-brick oven in front of an ordinary boiler, using a shield to protect the tubes, &c. He could burn all the smoke and get a good flame, but found that he could not regulate the combustion of fuel. No economy resulted, for he could not control it. Though he tried it for six months, he could not save a pound of fuel.

Mr. A. Faber Du Faur spoke in regard to the frequent use which had been made during the several discussions of the name "Siemens gas." He said: "I protest against 'Siemens gas.' Gas producers were used in Germany as long ago as 1845—certainly as early as 1846—but we had no Siemens gas at that time. There is no difficulty in burning the gas without the regenerator. My father so burned it, though the gas was of very poor quality, in the years mentioned. All that is wanted is a good fire-brick chamber. I can see no difficulty in using it under a locomotive boiler."

Mr. Durfee said: "I have used gas from gas producers under boilers, and found no difficulty in doing so. The engineer—for I did not find it necessary to have a fireman—put a few shavings under the boiler, lighted them and turned on the gas. When he had too much steam, instead of opening the doors and wasting fuel in that way, he turned off the gas."

Prof. Egleston said that when speakers mention gas and speak of difficulty in burning it, they mean blast-furnace gas, which is poor, containing a large amount of carbonic acid. The gas from gas producers gives no trouble whatever in burning.

The next paper was on "Putting a New Crank Pin into the Engine of the Steamship Knickerbocker," by Mr. Louis Johnson, of New Orleans. The loss of the drawings with which it was to have been illustrated

threatened to deprive this paper of some of its interest, but Mr. Lyne, who had seen them, volunteered to reproduce them upon the blackboard, which was done so quickly and neatly that when the sketches were completed the loss was not noticed. The paper was read by the secretary, as Mr. Johnson was not present. The paper treated of the removal of the parts of a broken pin in a distant port where no appliances were available, and where time was of the greatest value. The work was done by shrinking the eye upon the pin, upsetting the metal of the latter and reducing its diameter until it was sufficiently loose to be easily removed. This was accomplished by heating both eye and pin until red hot in a grate built about the end of the crank. The machinery was kept cool by iron plates hung up and by streams of water from hose. When the whole end of the crank was at a red heat the basket grate was removed, and the eye cooled by a stream from the hose. The contraction upon the red-hot pin was very violent, and a considerable reduction in section followed. When the whole was cool the pin was easily taken out by hand. The eye was enlarged by this operation, and to make the spare pin fill the opening from which the broken one was removed was a somewhat difficult job. It was impossible, without a long and costly delay, to get a new pin. The work of using the spare pin was accomplished by banding the pin with hoops, which were turned off as they were put on, and then heating the eye and forcing the pin into place. The hoops had then to be cut out by hand at the points where they crossed the middle of the key-ways which had been cut in both pin and crank eye. Although put in what would seem to be a sort of makeshift manner, the pin is doing good service at the present time, and appears to be as sound as any part of the machinery. The whole job was done in five days, the work proceeding continuously.

The next paper was by Mr. F. F. Hemenway on "Mechanical Correctness." As there was no discussion, the next paper was at once taken up. It was by Mr. L. F. Lyne on

"PISTON ROD AND VALVE STEAM PACKING."

Mr. Lyne's paper was long, and was illustrated with fine and clear drawings upon the blackboard and on paper, illustrating the different varieties of packing mentioned in the paper.

In the historical notice with which the paper opened, James Watt was alluded to by Mr. Lyne as the inventor of the stuffing-box. On this point *The Iron Age* thinks he is mistaken. The device is probably much older. The earliest mention of it to which we can at this moment turn is in the double-acting pump of La Hire. A description of this pump was published in 1716 in the "Memoirs of the French Academy." The form in which it was then made differed, so far as we can learn, in no respect from that of Watt's. This was at least 19 years before Watt's birth. After taking up the leading systems of packing, Mr. Lyne gave an account of their chief features, discussed their advantages, and spoke of their practical disadvantages. He described a metallic packing which, carefully avoiding the faults which made some of the other systems impracticable, combined the features which he considered necessary for success, and which he thought were good and met all the requirements of the case.

Mr. Hemenway said that the packing which Mr. Lyne showed in his third sketch upon the board had been in use in a railroad shop where he worked 18 years ago, and where it was doing good work still. There were some changes made in the construction. They used no springs and no fiber in its construction. It was, as they built it, all metal.

Mr. Sterling said he had used it on 12 engines on the Elevated Railroad with the best of results.

Prof. Sweet spoke of the same form, and said that if the packing was invented at the date stated in the paper, his own invention antedated it some time. An engine at the Centennial had that kind of packing upon it. If we understood the professor's remarks, they were to the effect that he had invented the same device before 1873, at which time it was in use in several places. The packing, while clamping the rod so as to be steam-tight, followed all its motions freely.

At this point Mr. Holley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the society be presented to the treasurer, Mr. Moore, for his prolonged, difficult and faithful service to the society as its acting secretary during the interval between the organizing and the present meeting.

In putting this resolution, President Thurston spoke most heartily in acknowledgment of Mr. Moore's "energetic and good-natured services under the most trying circumstances." The resolution was adopted.

The final paper was by Mr. A. R. Wolff, on "The Value of the Study of the Mechanical Theory of Heat." It was rather literary than technical, and was discussed gently and considerately by Mr. Worthington.

The chair then made a few remarks for the information of members with regard to the regulations for holding future regular and special meetings, after which the meeting adjourned. No young society ever made a better start in life, and all who attended the meetings went home well pleased and benefited.

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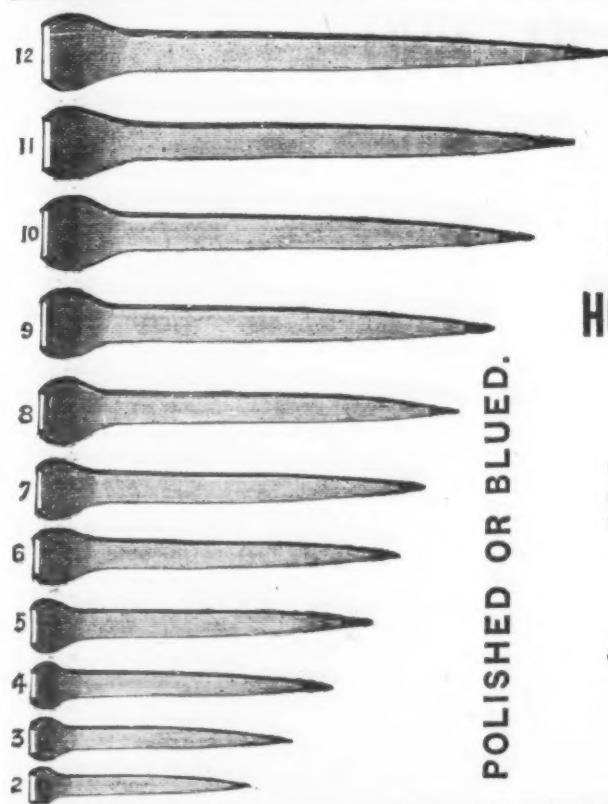
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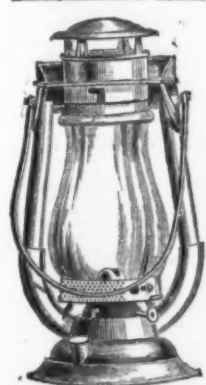
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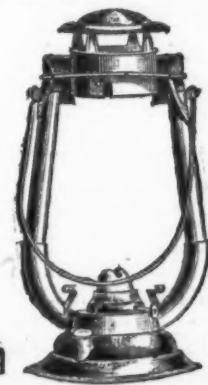
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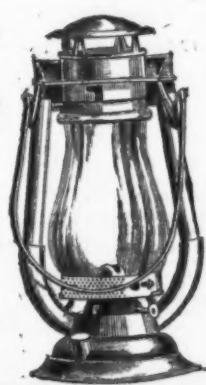
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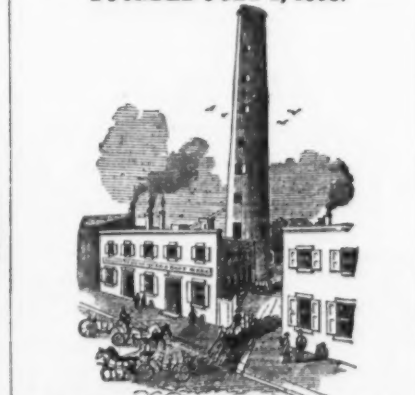


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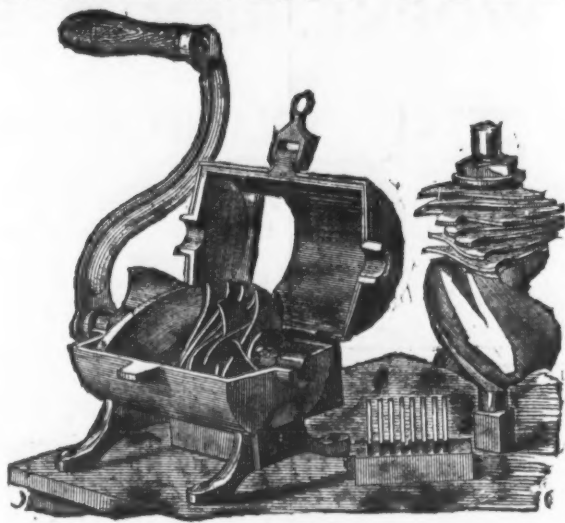
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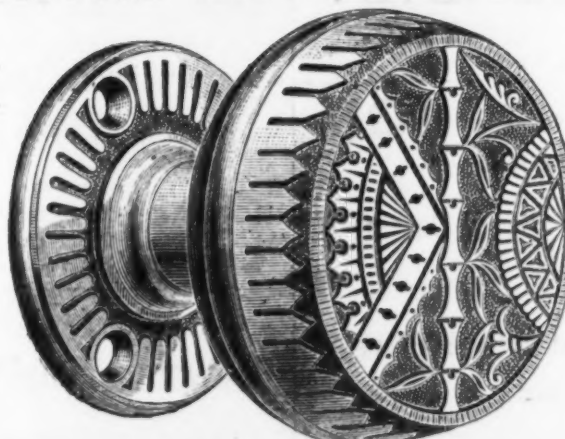
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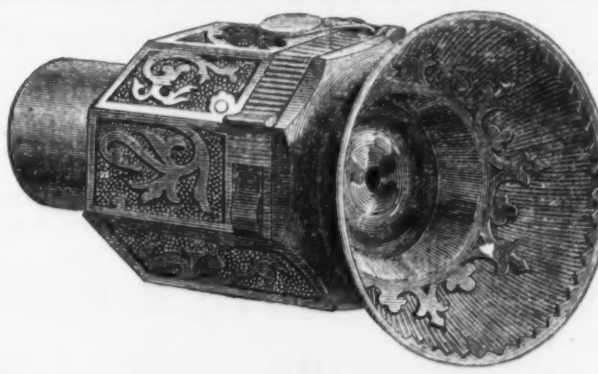
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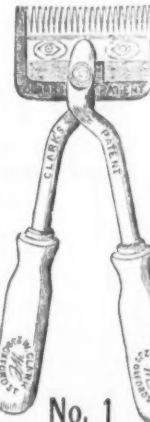
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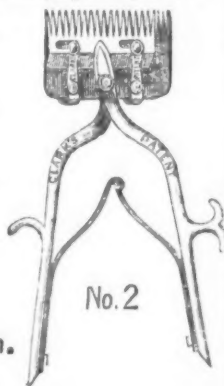
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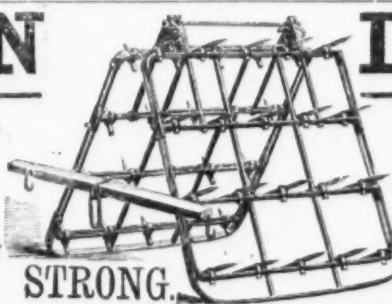
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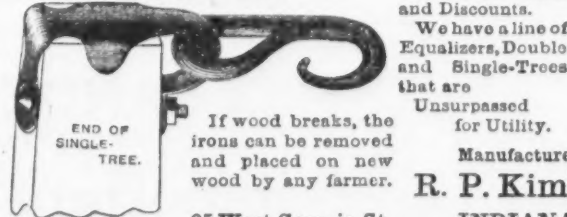


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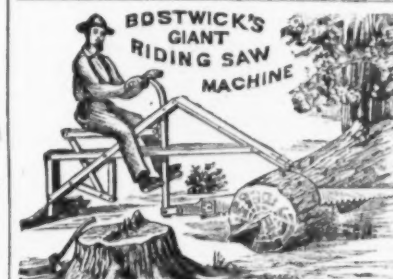
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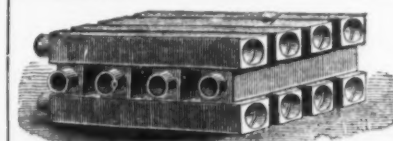
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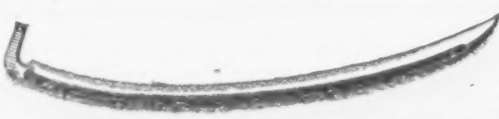
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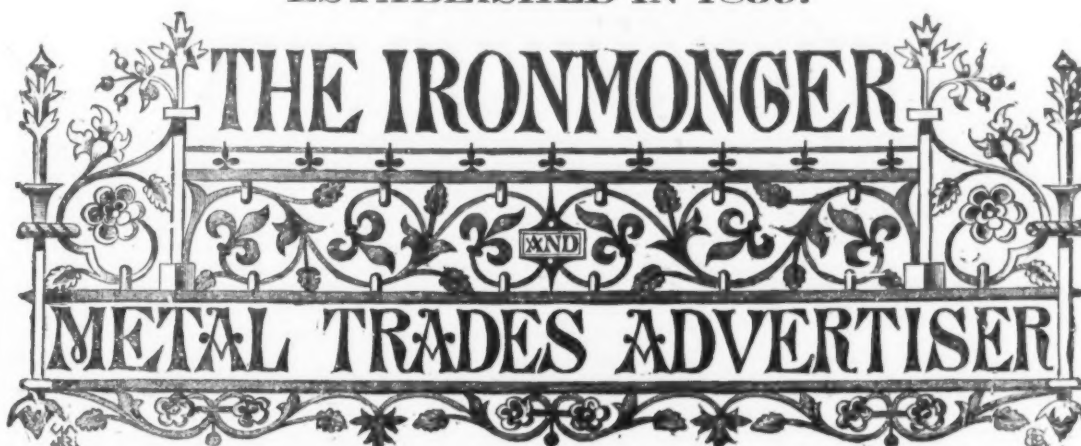
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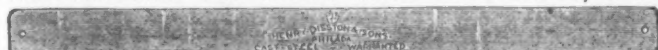
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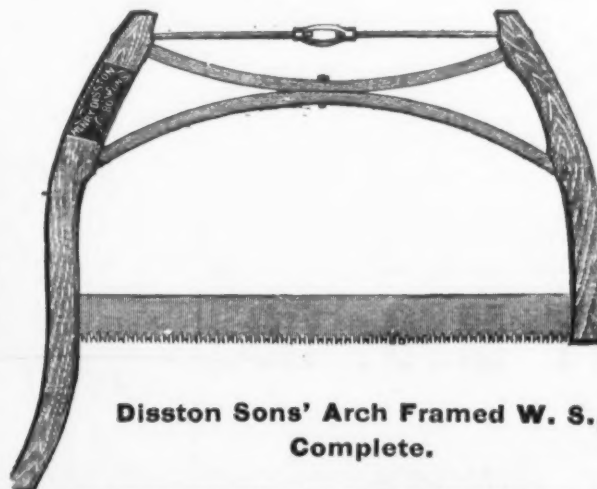
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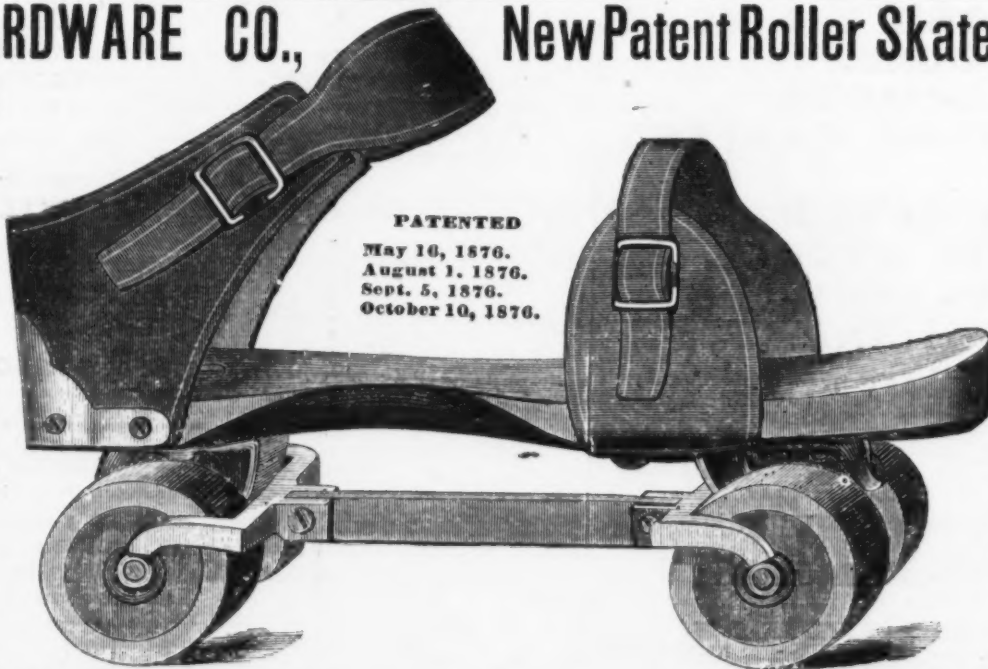
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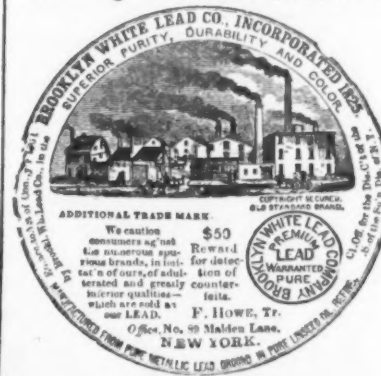


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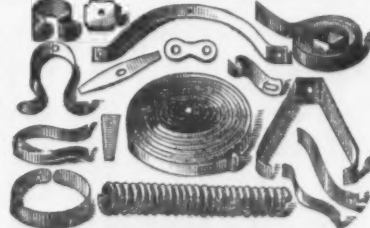
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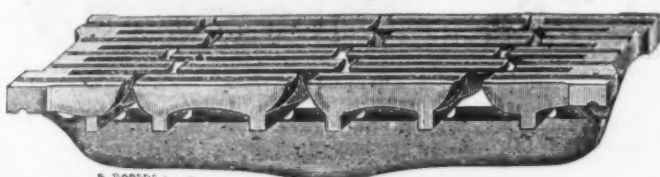
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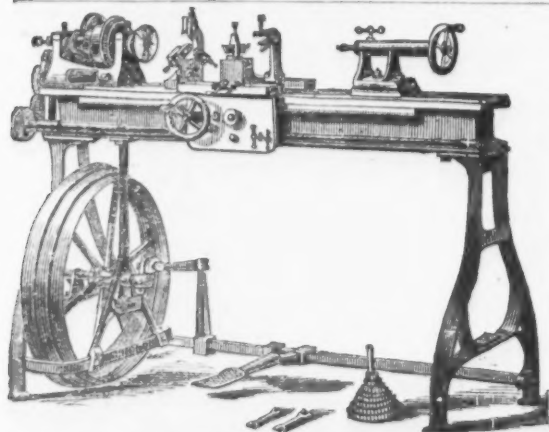
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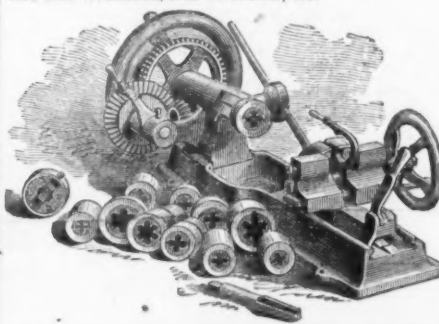
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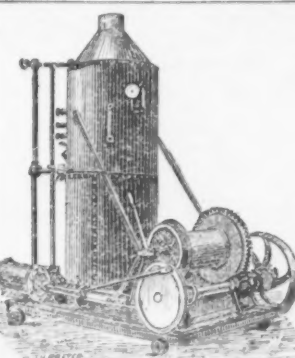
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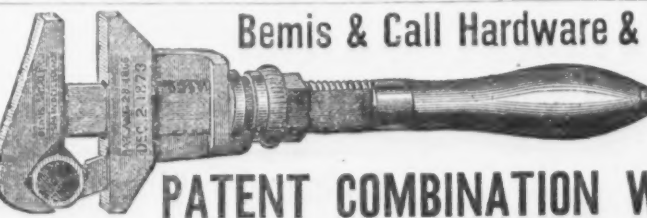
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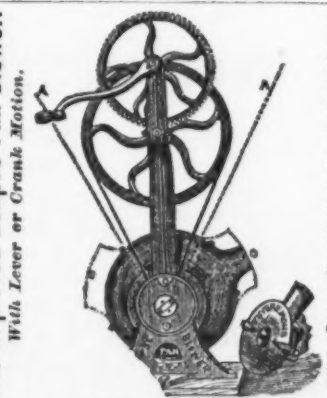
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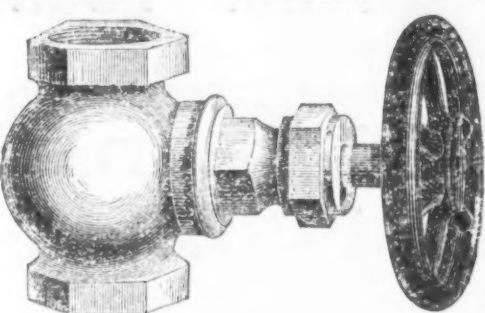
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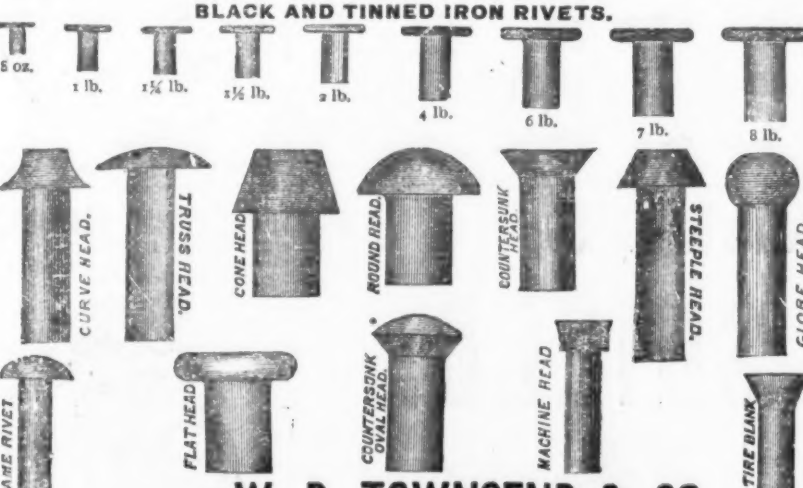
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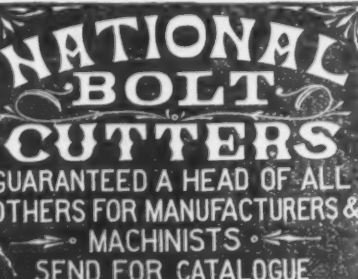
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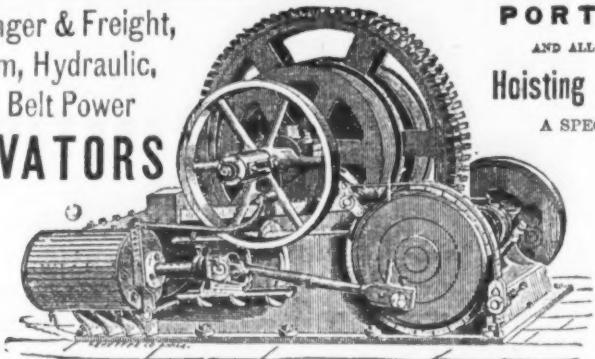


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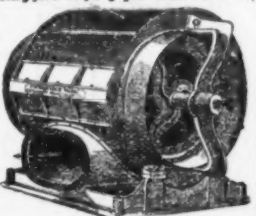
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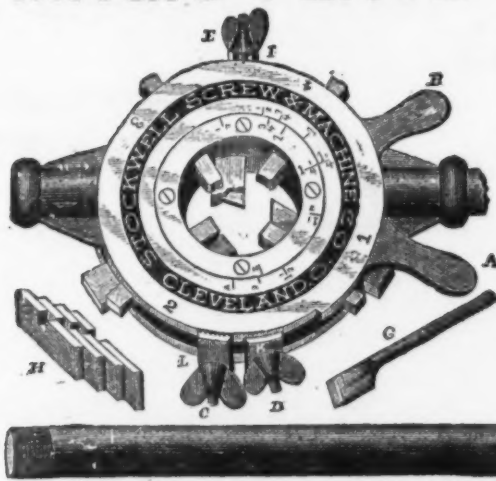
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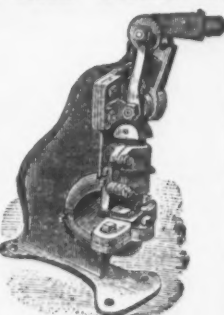
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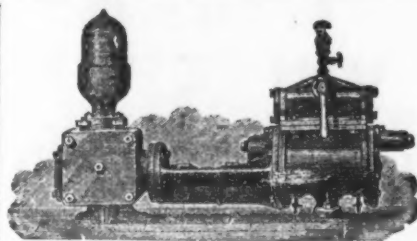


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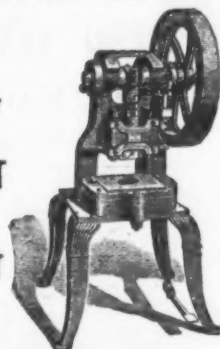
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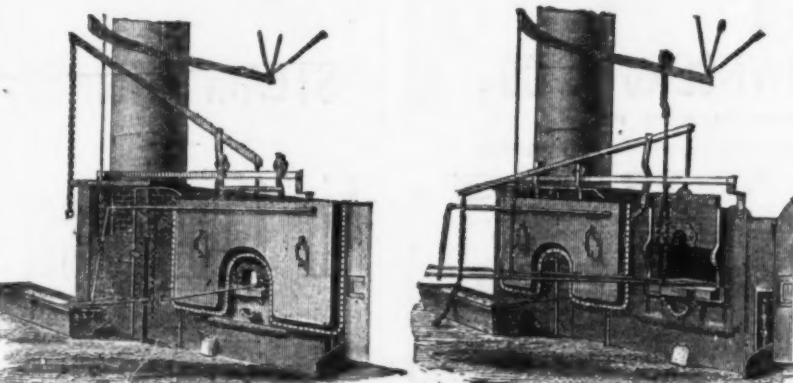


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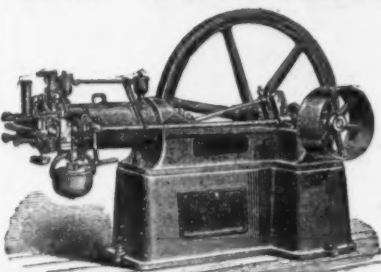
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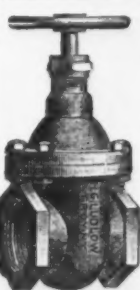
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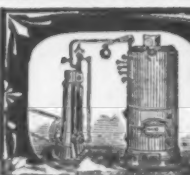
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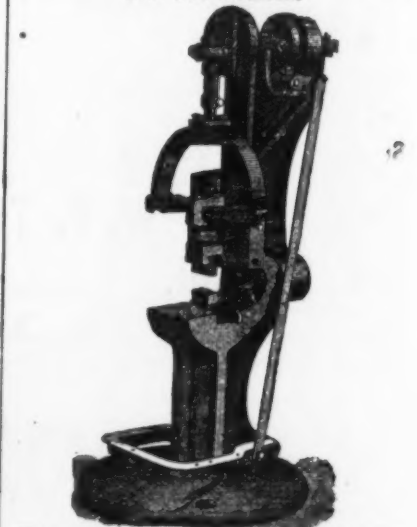
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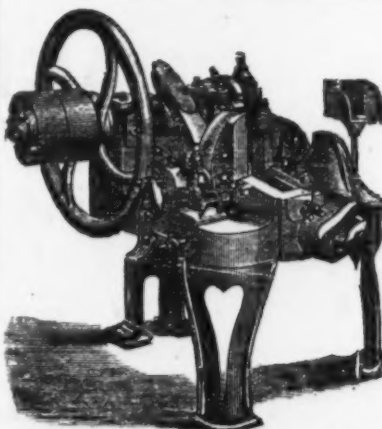
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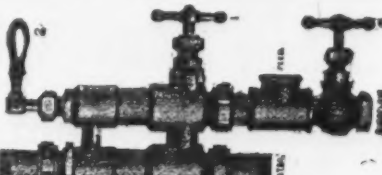
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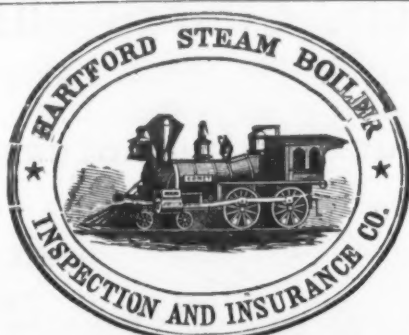
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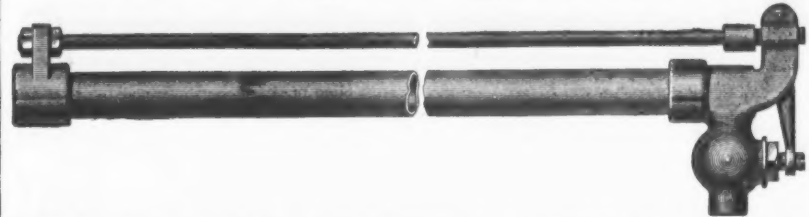
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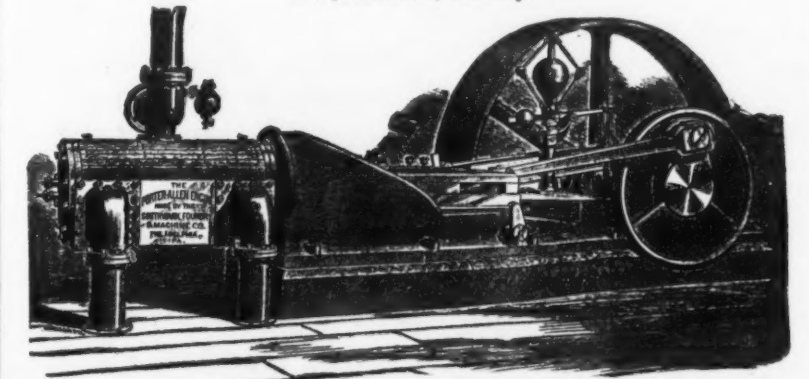
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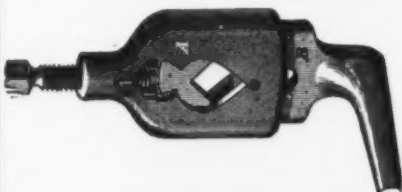
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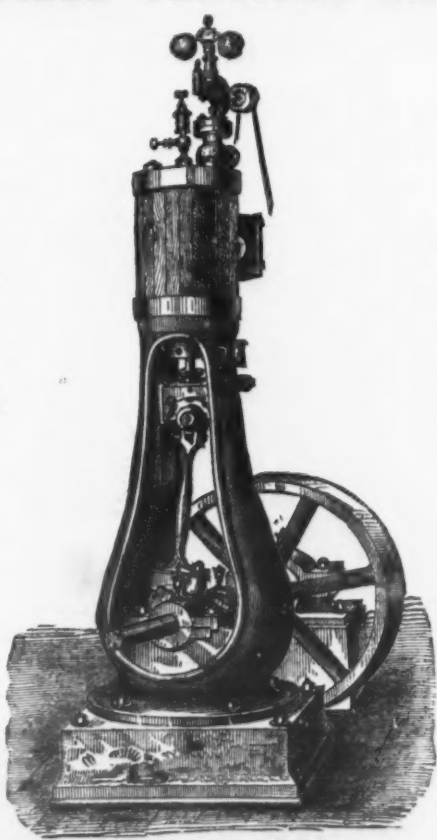
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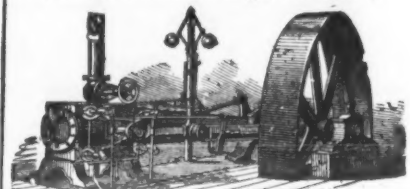
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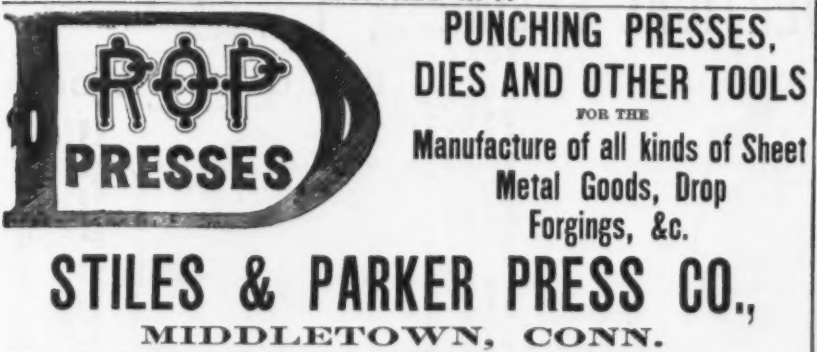
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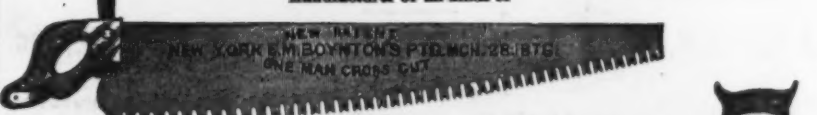
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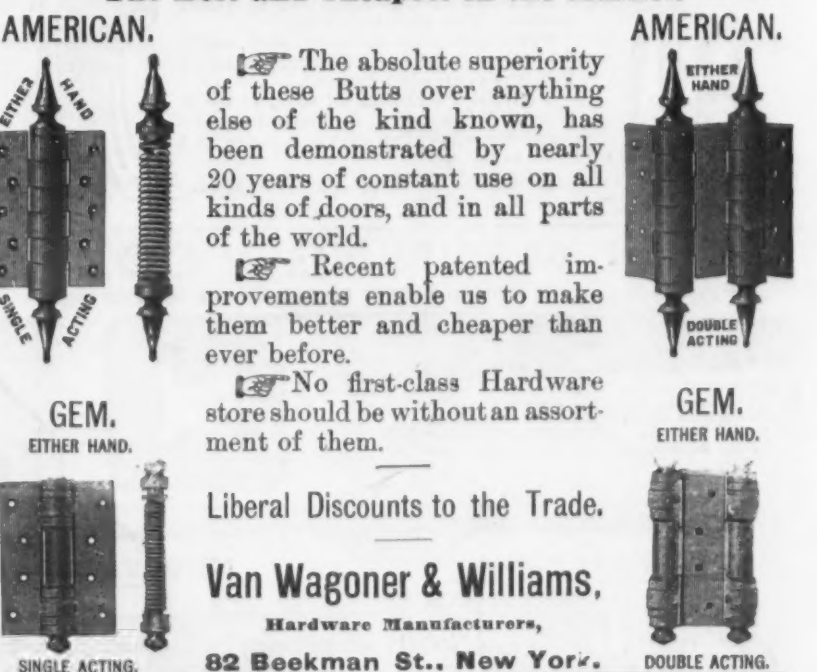
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